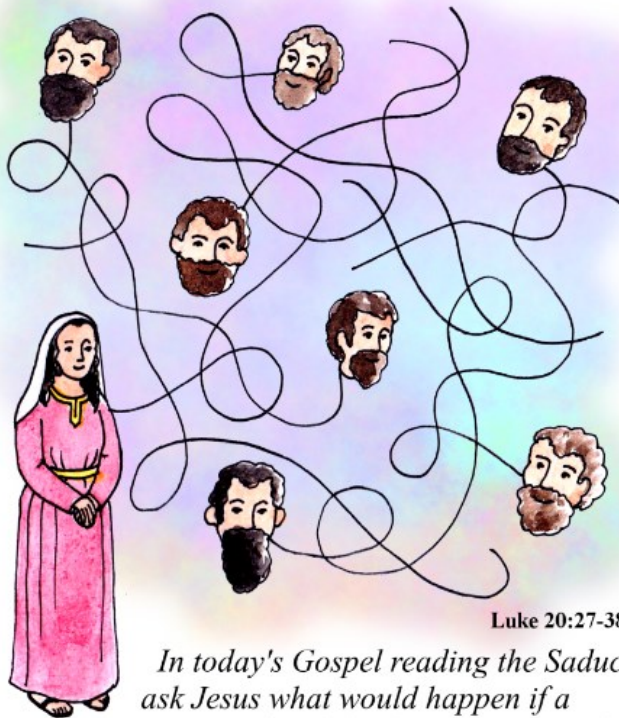


The Kids' Bulletin

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 6th, 2022



Luke 20:27-38

In today's Gospel reading the Saducees ask Jesus what would happen if a woman's husband died and she married his brother, and if the same thing happened again, until she had married all seven brothers. Who would she be married to in Heaven? Follow the squiggly lines to find out which brother the woman is married to in Heaven.

Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



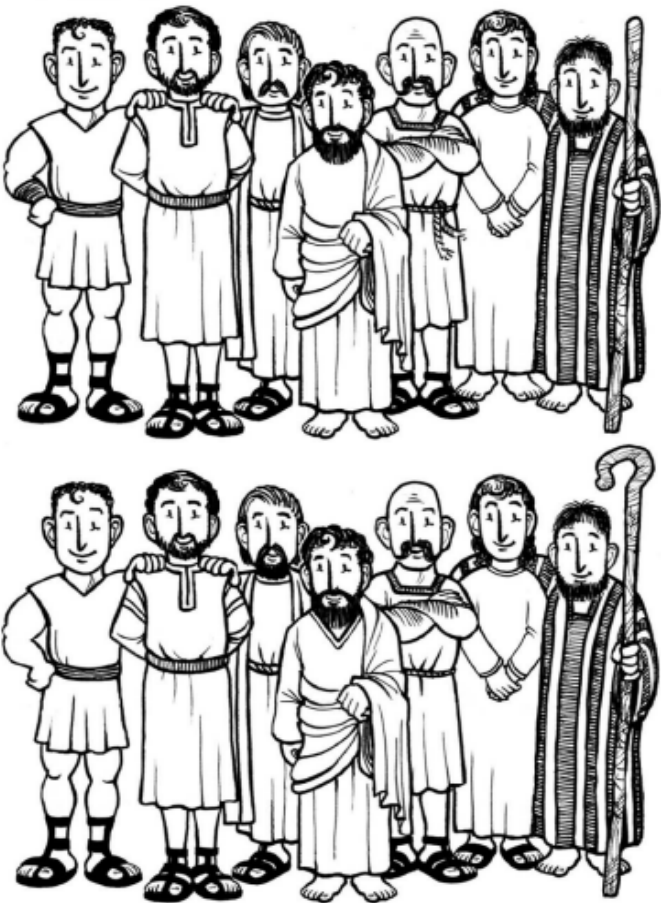
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Spot the difference

Can you find the seven differences between these two pictures of seven brothers?



What Will Make us Happy?

In today's Gospel reading, some men ask Jesus about people being married when they are in Heaven. Jesus tells them that in Heaven people are like angels because they can't die anymore, so they can't be married.

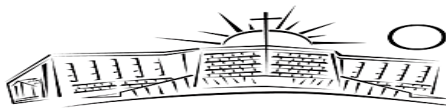


When we are small there are things that we like to do, like playing with toys, that we won't like as much when we get bigger. As we get older, different things make us happy, but when we get to Heaven it will be something even better that we will want. Do you know what that is? It's God! We will realize that what makes us the very happiest is not toys or friends or a husband or wife, but God Himself!

Have you ever had something that you liked and then later you didn't care about it very much? That's the way things go in this life, because everything is only temporary. When we get to Heaven being happy with God will last forever!



Answers to Fill in the Blanks: 1. live 2. bodies 3. Heaven 4. die 5. never 6. God. LIVING



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WEEKDAY MASS:	Tues, Wed, Fri. 8.00am Thursday 9.00am	Baptism:	13th November 2022
WEEKEND MASS:	Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 8am & 9:30am	Parish Website:	www.olol7hills.com.au
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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
6 November 2022 • Year C



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, John Walker, Christine Woodward (sister-in-law of Bill and Chris).

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

November Remembrance—Book of Eternal Life



Let us pray for those gone before us.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful
parted,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
Amen



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
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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 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig’s flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, ‘What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.’

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, ‘Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.’

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, ‘It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.’ The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, ‘Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men’s hands, yet relying on God’s promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.’

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips. (R.)

I keep my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. (R.)

Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. (R.)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord’s message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 2:16-3:5

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, ‘Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man’s married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?’

Jesus replied, ‘The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.’

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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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 9622 2920.

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>



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1800 024 413 toll free



OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

12/13 November 2022

Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Jerome Irudayaraj 9.30am: Ian Epondulan
Ministers	Vigil: C Jansz, M Simic 8am: S Nemorin, Volunteer 9.30am: P Gow, S Lenthall
Readers	Vigil: N Do Rosario, J Sarmiento 8am: N Arambulo, M Santos 9.30am C Diaz, J Nonato
Altar Servers	Vigil: A Laus, L laus, A Spadaro 8.00am Volunteers 9.30am C Attard, Volunteer, F Wanandy
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults Group
Flowers	Claudette & Judith
Church cleaning	10 Nov Cathy Hutchings & Annette Peatman
Welcomers	Vigil: R Ugre 8am: J Hillbrick 9.30am: L Falzon

OLOL PARISH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

7	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
9	Sacramental Information Evening	6.30pm
9	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
10	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
10	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
11	Young Adults Group	5.30pm

POPE FRANCIS: JESUS IS THE SOURCE OF ST FRANCIS UNIQUE HOLINESS

Pope Francis receives members of the Ecclesial Coordination for the 800th Anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, who are beginning a three-year period of preparation that will culminate in 2026. In his address, the Holy Father emphasized that Jesus, and faith in Him, was the source of St Francis' life of holiness.

By Christopher Wells

Pope Francis on Monday welcomed members of the group coordinating the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, which will take place in 2026.

At the beginning of his address, the Holy Father said that when he chose the name "Francis" at the beginning of his pontificate, he recognized that Francis of Assisi was a popular, but also misunderstood, saint. The source of the saint's devotion to peace, to poverty, to creation was Jesus Christ, and St Francis' faith in Him. "From this source, [Francis] received an abundance of the Holy Spirit, who urged him to imitate Jesus and follow the Gospel to the letter."

Franciscan 'places'

The Pope said that the upcoming anniversary will not be just a ritual commemoration if it is able to understand together both the imitation of Christ and love for the poor. This will be possible, he added, "thanks to the atmosphere that emanates from the different Franciscan 'places'" that will be at the centre of the celebrations.

The first of these places is Fontecolombo, near the Italian city of Rieti, which is associated both with the Franciscan "Rule" and, along with Greccio, with the Nativity scene. These places call us to "rediscover the Incarnation of Jesus Christ as the 'way' of God."

The second place, La Verna, recalls the Stigmata received by St Francis, which assimilated the saint "to the crucified Christ," and allowed him to enter intimately into the "human story, radically marked by pain and suffering."

Finally, Assisi itself, where St Francis died and where his earthly remains reside, "reveals the essence of Christianity: the hope of eternal life."

In the school of the Poverello

Pope Francis insisted that the Little Poor Man of Assisi remains, even now, a mystery. To find an answer to this mystery, he said, "one must put oneself in the school of the Poverello, finding in his evangelical life the way to follow in the footsteps of Jesus."

"In concrete terms, this means listening, walking, and proclaiming to the peripheries."

Saint Francis, the Pope explained, listened to Jesus speaking to Him, responded generously, and gradually came to understand what the Lord was asking of Him.

The Saint was also a "wayfarer," who travelled throughout Italy and beyond, drawing close to the people and reducing the distance between the Church and the people. This, the Pope said, is "the style of a Christian community" that wants to draw near to all and not withdraw within itself.

"This teaches us that those who follow St Francis must learn to be steadfast and walking: steadfast in contemplation, in prayer; and then moving forward, walking in witness, witnessing Christ."

Finally, the Pope said that, in preaching to the peripheries, there is a need not only for justice, but for trust. "Only faith restores the breath of the Spirit to a closed and individualistic world," he explained. But with this breath, he said, we will be able to face "the great current challenges, such as peace, care for the common home, and a new model of development."

Living the anniversary fully

Pope Francis concluded his address by encouraging his listeners to live the upcoming Franciscan centenary "to the full," expressing his hope "that this spiritual and cultural journey may be combined with the Jubilee of 2025, in the conviction that St Francis of Assisi still urges the Church to live its fidelity to Christ and its mission in our time."

POPE FRANCIS: PRAY FOR MY JOURNEY TO BAHRAIN

By Joseph Tulloch

On Tuesday, the Solemnity of All Saints, Pope Francis prayed the Angelus with the faithful gathered in St Peter's Square.

After the prayer, he addressed those present, beginning by discussing his upcoming Apostolic Journey to Bahrain.

Journey to Bahrain

On Thursday, Pope Francis will travel to the Kingdom of Bahrain, where he will remain until Sunday.

'It will be a journey under the banner of dialogue,' he said. While in the country, the Pope will participate in the 'Bahrain Forum for Dialogue: East and West for Human Coexistence', which, he said, will have as its theme 'the inescapable need for East and West to come more closely together for the sake of human coexistence.'

The Holy Father added that during his trip he will 'have the opportunity to engage with religious representatives, particularly Islamic.' After the Forum for Dialogue, the Pope will meet with Sheikh Ahmad Muhammad Al-Tayeb, Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, and hold an audience with the members of the Muslim Council of Elders. These encounters will be followed by an ecumenical meeting and prayer for peace with members of various Christian denominations, at the Our Lady of Arabia Cathedral in Awali.

The Pope concluded his address by asking for prayers for his journey.

'I ask everyone to accompany me with prayer, so that every meeting and event might be a fruitful opportunity to promote, in the name of God, the cause of fraternity and peace, which our times so desperately and urgently need.'

Prayer for Ukraine

The Pope also used the period after the Angelus to ask for prayers for Ukraine, a request he has made continually since the outbreak of war in the country.

'Dear brothers and sisters, please, let us not forget martyred Ukraine,' he said. 'Let us pray for peace; let us pray that there might be peace in Ukraine.'

Greeting to pilgrims and runners

The Holy Father also took the opportunity to greet various groups of pilgrims gathered in the crowd, as well as participants in the 'Race of the Saints', a ten-kilometre run beginning in St Peter's square, which this year aims to raise awareness of the difficulties faced by children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

'I am happy to welcome the participants in the Race of the Saints, promoted by the "Missioni Don Bosco" Foundation,' Pope Francis said. 'Thank you for your beautiful initiative and your presence!'



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

Recently, my first cousin, arrived in Sydney with her international student daughter. We all went out for lunch on our day-off. While sitting in the car, she kept telling me that she was feeling that the car was on the wrong side of the road, meaning keeping left, instead of staying to the right like the traffic in Vietnam. I explained to her the difference between the Paris-based and the London-based systems and asked her not to worry about it, since we were right, though we stayed on the left side of the road! This story very much highlights this truth that we are different in lots of different ways though we live on the same planet. Consequently the truth on this side of the Pyrenees would not necessarily be the one the other side, as the Europeans love to say. It is even truer in a biblical context as the Prophet Isaiah reminds us of the difference between God's thoughts and ours, and God's ways and ours (cf.55.8). Therefore, we should be wise enough to avoid frustrating ourselves by trying to measure God's ways and thoughts based on ours.

The Sadducees of old thought they could outsmart Jesus in the Gospel this Sunday with an attempt to apply our human experience in the area of human relationship to argue against Jesus' teaching on the resurrection in the world to come, an important part of our Christian Catholic belief that we have kept professing at every Sunday Mass, but, their endeavor fell apart as Jesus revealed to them that the world to come is not the same as the one they had experienced now, since inhabitants of such a world known as God's sons and daughters will be like God's angels, and so current rules and regulations such as the one of marriage won't be required there.

Let us pray today for the grace to help us treasure the truth that God's ways and thoughts are beyond ours. Let us also give praise and thanks to God for giving us a glimpse into the coming world, and ask for the strength from our Holy Communion today to support us in our effort here and now to preserve for us a place in such an everlasting world. Have a resurrection-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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM ENROLMENT EVENING

Any parent interested in their children making their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2023 is invited to attend an Information and Enrolment Meeting.

The meeting will be held twice so parents are able to choose the time and date that best suits them.

The times, dates and locations of the meetings are as follows:

Wednesday 16th of November 2022 at 6:30pm

in the Parish Hall

and on

Saturday 19th of November 2022 at

4:30pm

in the Parish Meeting Room.



It is only necessary to come to one of these meetings.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

All members of the Parish Pastoral Council are invited to attend the Council meeting on Wednesday 09 November at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.



FREE ZUMBA CLASSES

**In the Parish Meeting Room
Every Tuesday and Thursday
6-7pm.**

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. All are welcomed to enter the names of the deceased.

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.



Lourdes Over 50s Christmas Party will be at the Parish Hall on Thursday 17th November starting at 10.30am. Please bring a plate to share for lunch.

POSITIONS VACANT



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

There are a number of voluntary jobs that urgently need filling. If you can assist with any of them please put your name down on the sheet at the side entrance to the church. Vacuuming of the church usually

once a month for about one hour on most Wednesdays after the 8am morning Mass ie 8.45 am or on a Thursday after the 9am morning Mass ie at 9.45 am.

If you don't like vacuuming, there is dusting of the pews, emptying the church garbage bins, tidying up the church, cleaning the glass doors and windows (no higher than you can reach), crying-room glass, mopping the church side porches, etc.

We also urgently need someone to wash and iron the weekly altar cloths, etc used during the week, and wash the main altar and side altar cloths, plus the priest's albs, chasuble, tabernacle covers, etc, when necessary.

Phone Mary on 0447 676 371 for any enquiries.

OPEN INVITATION TO THE PARRAMATTA STREET FEAST 12 NOVEMBER

Parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta are invited to the Parramatta Street Feast on Saturday 12 November at 12pm to commemorate the World Day of the Poor. Come and share a meal and company with members of our community who are on the margins of society. This free event will be held at Prince Alfred Square in Parramatta from 12pm to 2pm. All are welcome. For more details contact met@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

MARAYONG PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE 26 NOVEMBER

St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong, will be holding a concert to raise funds for their Social Justice initiatives to mentor refugees and help them settle in Australia. The concert will be held on Saturday 26 November, from 7pm at the St Andrew School Hall. Each concert ticket is \$10 and are available by contacting the parish office on (02) 9622 0817. The support of your parish/group would be very much appreciated.



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!

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.

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POPE FRANCIS AT ANGELUS: 'LIKE SAINTS, BE BUILDERS OF PEACE'

By Sophie Peeters

Speaking to the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Angelus on the Solemnity of All Saints, Pope Francis reflected on today's Gospel, the Beatitudes of Jesus (Mt 5:1-12), saying they serve as a form of "identity card" for the saints. Rather than having the stereotypical view that all saints lived "perfect" and "precise" lives, the Pope said the Beatitudes rather show another side of the equation: the saints lived radically "countercultural" and "revolutionary" lives.

'Blessed are the peacemakers'

Taking the example of the beatitude "Blessed are the peacemakers" (v. 9), the Pope said the type of peace Jesus brings is often very different from what we imagine or would like peace to be defined as. Often, the Pope noted, the definition of "peace" for us means tranquillity, to be left alone without any disruption or problems. Rather, Jesus calls on us to act as peacemakers, building peace through works of justice and mercy. *"The Bible speaks of a 'sowing of peace' because it germinates from the soil of life, from the seed of our heart; it grows in silence, day after day, through works of justice and mercy, as the luminous witnesses we are celebrating today show us."* Jesus' life, and those of the saints, Pope Francis continued, shows us that the "seed of peace must first die" in order to grow and bear fruit.

"Peace is not achieved by conquering or defeating someone, it is never violent, it is never armed."

Disarming the heart

What must one do to become a peacemaker?

Pope Francis notes that although we all have the ability to say sharp words or have aggressive thoughts, the first step to becoming a peacemaker is rather to disarm the heart by opening ourselves to Jesus, standing before His Cross, and receiving from Him in Confession "forgiveness and peace."

"This is where we begin, because being peacemakers, being saints, is not our ability, it is His gift, it is grace."

An eternal reward for those who build peace

Pope Francis continued by asking if in our everyday lives, we desire to bring peace or if we seek to bring pain, gossip, and controversy through our daily actions.

The Pope noted that building peace is about caring for those at the margins, fighting injustice, and forgiving others. Those who build the path towards peace will be, as Jesus says, ultimately rewarded in heaven and called "children of God." Although they may seem "out of place" in today's world, the Pope noted, peacemakers in Heaven will be closest to God. *"Those who love everyone and hurt no one win: as the Psalm says, 'there is a future for a man of peace.'"*

The Pope concluded by invoking the Virgin Mary, "Queen of all saints," to help us "be peacemakers in our daily lives."

POPE FRANCIS AT ALL SOULS MASS

By Francesca Merlo

Presiding over Mass in St Peter's Basilica offered in suffrage for the Cardinals and Bishops who died during the year, Pope Francis noted that two words struck him from the readings they just heard: expectation and surprise.

Living in expectation

Beginning with the first word, the Pope noted that expectation expresses the meaning of life, "because we live in expectation of the encounter: the encounter with God, which is the reason for our intercessory prayer today". He explained that we all live in expectation, in the hope of one day hearing those words of Jesus: "Come, you blessed of my Father".

Pope Francis urged those present to ask themselves, "How does my waiting go? Do I go to the essentials or am I distracted by many superfluous things? Do I cultivate hope or do I go on moaning because I value too much so many things that do not matter?"

As we wait for tomorrow, the Pope noted that we are helped by today's Gospel. It is here, he continued, that the second word, surprise, comes in.

The Gospel, full of surprise

There is great surprise every time we listen to Matthew chapter 25, said the Pope. "It is similar to that of the protagonists, who say: "Lord, when did we see you hungry and give you food, or thirsty and give you drink?"

Through the phrase, "When did we ever...?" the Pope said, "the surprise of all, the astonishment of the righteous and the dismay of the unrighteous are expressed".

In this same way, he continued, we would expect that the judgement on life and on the world will take place under the banner of justice, before a decisive tribunal that, sifting through every element, would shed light on situations and intentions forever. "Instead, in the divine tribunal, the only head of merit and accusation is mercy towards the poor and the discarded: The Most High dwells in the least, He who dwells in the heavens dwells among the most insignificant to the world", said the Pope.

Let us not be surprised

"Let us also not be surprised", urged the Pope. Reflecting on the phrase, "When did they ever?", Pope Francis noted that both the just and the unjust ask themselves this in surprise. "The answer is only one: the 'when' is now. It lies in our hands, in our works of mercy: not in polished analyses, not in individual or social justifications".

Today, the Pope concluded, the Lord reminds us that death comes to make truth of life and removes all extenuating circumstances for mercy. Finally, the Pope noted that "the Gospel explains how to live the waiting: we go to meet God by loving because He is love. And on the day of our farewell, the surprise will be happy if we now allow ourselves to be surprised by the presence of God, who waits for us among the poor and wounded of the world. And he waits to be caressed not with words, but with the love of God".