

The Kids' Bulletin

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday  
April 2nd, 2023

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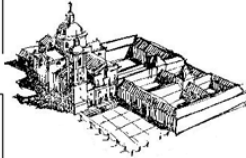
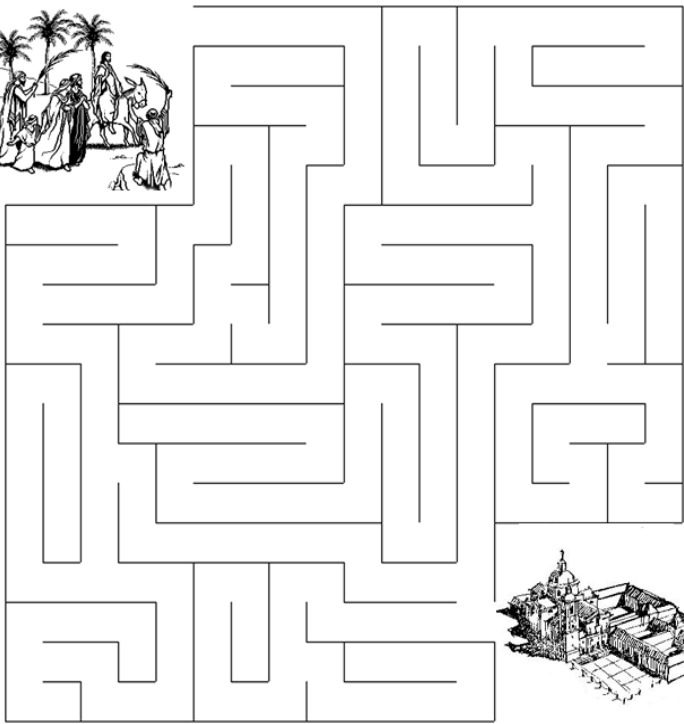
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Palm Mark Luke  
Crowd Glory Jesus  
Leaves Savior Easter  
Blessed Worship Sunday



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Palm Sunday

King for a Day

Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mark 11:9 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition. Answers can be found in Mark 11:1-11 (NIV)



- A community which is smaller than a town, usually in the countryside  
A. village B. city C. province D. kingdom
- A young male horse (or donkey)  
A. kitten B. cub C. pup D. colt
- A large group of people who have gathered together  
A. village B. crowd C. temple D. branch
- Loose outer garments without sleeves worn instead of a coat  
A. branches B. crowd C. colt D. cloaks
- What the people shouted as Jesus rode into Jerusalem  
A. hooray B. hosanna C. yippee D. hallelujah
- A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals  
A. freeway B. trail C. road D. fields
- The part of a tree that grows out from the main trunk and has leaves  
A. trunk B. roots C. bark D. branch
- To speak with a very loud voice  
A. shout B. talk C. whisper D. mumble



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

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9am - 3.00pm

WEEKDAY MASS:

Tues, Wed, Fri. 8.00am

Thursday 9.00am

WEEKEND MASS:

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 9.30am

Parish School:

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Baptism:

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PALM SUNDAY

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Let us Pray for the Sick



Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, Neil Amaratunga, Mamerto Angele, Mary Attard, Cynthia Avery, Rosenda Bolano, Barrie Chamberlain, Rosella Booth, Jock Clark Snr, Sarujini Chary, Julian & Maximilian Epondulan, Anthony Janicska, John Glover, Blago Milicevic, Rita Leon, William Orley, Sr Colleen O'Sullivan RSJ, Debra Price, Camy Ratnam, Pummalin Sumcad, Sue Tipaldo, Natalie Woodward, Carmen Xuerib

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: Agnes Bonello, Anton, Philomena & Clarence Corera, Bonosa Enfesta, Vernie Flores, John & William Formosa, Ranjan Fernando, Charlie Gauci, Maria Garufo, Emmanuel Grech, Desmond Grogan, Estelle Hardwick, Debbie Mifsud, Jessica Neodama, Paiboon Pundmand, Jude Ranasinghe, Maria Reyes, Lucia Yap Ong, Caroline Uy

Anniversaries: Fredy Alphonse, Michelle Azzopardi, Carmen Attard, Frank & Fortunata Baiada, Elvina Barnaba, Romeo Biniahan, Sam Borg, Saviour Caruana, Audrey & Herman Chelliah, Charlie Chircop, Antonia, Melvyn Fernandes, Josephine Francis, E. Franklin, Sheela Franklin, Emilia Galea, Sam & Mary Gardia, Jean Garrick, Elsie Garrick, Karl Garrick, Tarcisio 'Archie' Gatt, Christine Gomez, Charlie Gravina, Leonie Jordan, Chinedu Joseph & Family, Sammy Formusa, Harold Lafleur, Rosine Lafleur, Apolinario Maglaya, Thomas Snr Morrissey, Stephen & Louis Mula, Jason Muscat, Jim & Philippa Muscat, Alberto Nahoy, Sashin Patrick, Mile Perak, John Ratnam, Cornelio & Iluminada Rondario, Vivian Silva, Rosary Silva, Pauline & Santan Soares, Shane Vaz, Jim Vella,

Remembrance: France Angseeing, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Sam Borg, Lina Cabaero, Lim Cho, Dennis Clarke, Conception, Emerenciana Dizon, Anacleto Dizon, Dominic & Monica D'Souza, Peter Diab, Bebe Diab, Felina Maglaya, Cini & Mangion Family, M.A Formosa, Zaren & Sam Formosa, Charlie Gauci, Gerard Marcello, Pauline Meilak, Mary Mifsud, Emilia & William Mifsud, Marcel Mohsen, Anton & Lourda Motha, Louis & Stephen Mula, Muscat Family, Josephine & Charles Muscat, Mary Muscat, Francis Muscat, Josefina Lim, Adrian Pereira, Rosaline Ratnam, Jose Reyes, Laureano Reyes, Yolanda Reyes, Karen Reyes Rodriguez Family, Jose Sanchez, Sem Serna, Debe Toufic, Tony Vassallo, Jim Vella, Hector & Rita Welgampola,

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.



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/LOL7Hills/>

Holy Week 2023

APRIL		
1 & 2	Palm Sunday Masses	6.00pm (Sat) 8.00am 9.30am
4	Parish Reconciliation 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite	7.30pm
6	Individual Confession	8.30-9.30am
	Holy Thursday Mass (The Lord's Supper)	7.30pm
7	Good Friday Stations	10.00am
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3.00pm
8	Individual Confession	9.30-10.30am
	Holy Saturday Mass (Easter Vigil)	6.00pm
9	Easter Sunday Masses	8.00am 9.30am

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')

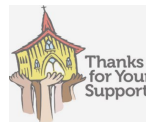
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Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church

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FIRST READING
A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given to me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him: let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)	They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet, I can count every one of my bones. (R.)	I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled; 'You who fear the Lord, give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory; Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

SECOND READING
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!

GOSPEL
A reading from the first holy gospel according to
Matthew 26:14-27:66



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
Over 50s Meeting Thursday 13th April 10.30am-1pm.
Please bring a plate for a shared lunch.
Look forward to seeing you there.

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.

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

Lourdes: Luminate Young Adults Group
The next group night is Friday, 14th of April, 2023 6:45-9:30pm in the Parish Hall. If you would like more information please contact Ian Epondulan: youtholol7h@gmail.com

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

Christ Catholic 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

EASTER 8/9 April 2023		
Acolytes	Vigil: Eugene Miu, Derick Soares, Sandy Manamperi	
	8am: Jerome Irudayaraj	
	9.30am Kilifi Huihui	
Ministers	Vigil: VOLUNTEERS	
	8am: Chrisha Gonzales, Helen Gonzales	
	9.30am: Paul Gow, Anna Bellissimo	
Readers	Vigil: Pepito Ferriols, Christina Diaz, Jemma Sarmiento, Alison Punch	
	8am: Jo Cabasa, Erika Hein	
	9.30am Nina Arambulo, Kamela Huihui	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Anthony Melki, VOLUNTEERS	
	8am: VOLUNTEERS	
	9.30am Lourdes Sadipoor, VOLUNTEERS	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults Group	
Flowers	Claudette & Judith	
Church cleaning	20 April	Cathy Hutchings Annette Peatman
Welcomers	Vigil: VOLUNTEER	
	8am: Joyce Hillbrick	
	9.30am: VOLUNTEER	

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

Acolytes, Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers, please remember to arrive 15 minutes before the beginning of Mass.

1/2 April 2023		
Acolytes	Vigil: Kilifi Huihui	
	8am: Eugene Miu	
	9.30am Ryan Epondulan	
Ministers	Vigil: C.Gonzales, H.Gonzales	
	8am: VOLUNTEER	
	9.30am: C.Brooks, S.Lenthall	
Readers	Vigil: L.Bellissimo, M. Simic	
	8am: Kamela Huihui, C.Rodriges	
	8am: B.Motha, K.Walker,	
	9.30am Pepito Ferriols, Anne McNally	
	9.30am M.Aquino, A.Walker, C.Diaz, Anne McNally	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alexa Bagatella, J. Kingston	
	8am: S.Park, P.Park, C. La Guardia, A. La Guardia	
	9.30am S.Costello, Saorirse Costello, L. Costello, C.Attard, Leo Culili, M.Pieris, A.Melki	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Tongan Choir	
Flowers	Fenty, Gaby, Flo & Liz	
Church cleaning	8 April	Tongan Community
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Ugre	
	8am: Rita Paolini	
	9.30am: Lena Falzon	

HOLY THURSDAY & GOOD FRIDAY

Acolytes	Holy Thursday: Ramzee Michael, Louis Fernandes
	Good Friday: A. Do Rosario, F.Kennedy, J.Dining, F.Paiva
Ministers	Holy Thursday: Maria Michael, Lorraine Fernandes
	Good Friday: A. Walker, C.Brooks
Readers	Holy Thursday: Sandy Manamperi, Ryan Epondulan
	Good Friday: Laura Bellissimo, Noreen Do Rosario
Altar Servers	Holy Thursday: Jake Kingston
	Good Friday: L.Sadipoor, E.Reardon, J.Martinez, VOLUNTEERS

PRACTICE

The Lord's Supper	Good Friday	Holy Saturday
Altar Servers	Altar Servers	Altar Servers
Acolyte	Acolyte	Acolyte
Practice Date & Time	Practice Date & Time	Practice Date & Time
6th April	7th April	8th April
Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3PM	11:30 AM	2:00 PM
	to	to
	12:30 PM	3:00 PM

Please Note: You MUST attend the practice to serve



**Catechesis. The passion for evangelization: the apostolic zeal of the believer 8. *The first way of evangelization: witness*" (cfr. *Evangelii nuntiandi*)** Dear brothers and sisters, good morning! Today we will listen to the “*magna carta*” of evangelization in the contemporary world: Saint Paul VI’s Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii nuntiandi* (EN, 8 December 1975). It is topical. It was written in 1975, but it is as though it had been written yesterday. Evangelization is more than just simple doctrinal and moral transmission. It is, first and foremost, *witness* one cannot evangelize without witness of the personal encounter with Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word in which salvation is fulfilled. An indispensable witness because, firstly, the world needs “evangelizers to speak to it of a God whom the evangelists themselves should know and be familiar with” (EN, 76). It is not transmitting an ideology or a “doctrine” on God, no. It is transmitting God who is living in me. This is witness. Also because, “modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses” (*ibid.*, 41). The witness of Christ, then, is at the same time the first means of evangelization (cf. *ibid.*), and an essential condition for its efficacy (cf. *ibid.*, 76), so that the proclamation of the Gospel may be fruitful. Being witnesses. It is necessary to remember that witness also includes *professed faith*, that is, convinced and manifest adherence to God the Father and Son and Holy Spirit, who created us out of love, who redeemed us. A faith that transforms us, that transforms our relationships, the criteria and the values that determine our choices. Witness, therefore, cannot be separated from consistency between what one believes and what one proclaims, and what one lives. One is not credible just by stating a doctrine or an ideology, no. A person is credible if there is harmony between what he or she believes and lives. Many Christians only say they believe, but they live something else, as if they did not. And this is hypocrisy. The opposite of witness is hypocrisy. How many times have we heard, “Ah, this person goes to Mass every Sunday and then he lives like this, or that”: it is true, it is counter-witness. Every one of us is called to respond to three fundamental questions, posed in this way by Paul VI: “Do you believe what you are proclaiming? Do you live what you believe? Do you preach what you live?”. Is there harmony: do you believe what you proclaim? Do you live what you believe? Do you proclaim what you live? We cannot be satisfied with easy, pre-packaged answers. We are called upon to accept the risk, albeit destabilizing, of the search, trusting fully in the action of the Holy Spirit who works in each one of us, driving us ever further: beyond our boundaries, beyond our barriers, beyond our limits, of any type. In this sense, the witness of a Christian life involves a journey of *holiness*, based on Baptism, which makes us “sharers in the divine nature. In this way they are really made holy”. A holiness that is not reserved to the few; that is a gift from God and demands to be listened to and made to bear fruit for ourselves and for others. Chosen and beloved by God, we must bring this love to others. Paul VI teaches that *the zeal for evangelization springs from holiness*, it springs from the heart that is filled with God. Nourished by prayer and above all by love for the Eucharist, evangelization in turn increases holiness in the people who carry it out (cf. EN, 76). At the same time, without holiness, the word of the evangelizer “will have difficulty in touching the heart of modern man”, and “risks being vain and sterile”. Therefore, we must be aware that the people to whom evangelization is addressed are not only others, those who profess other faiths or who profess none, but also *ourselves*, believers in Christ and active members of the People of God. And we must convert every day, receive the Word of God and change our life: every day. And this is how the heart is evangelized. To bear this witness, the Church as such must also begin by evangelizing herself. If the Church does not evangelize herself, she remains a museum piece. Instead, it is by evangelizing herself that she is continually updated. She needs to listen unceasingly to what she must believe, to her reasons for hope, to the new commandment of love. The Church, which is a People of God immersed in the world, and often tempted by idols many of them always needs to hear the proclamation of the works of God. In brief, this means that she has a constant need of being evangelized, she needs to read the Gospel, to pray and to feel the force of the Spirit changing her heart (cf. EN, 15). A Church that evangelizes herself in order to evangelize is a Church that, guided by the Holy Spirit, is called to walk a demanding path, a path of conversion and renewal. This also entails the ability to change the ways of understanding and living her evangelizing presence in history, avoiding taking refuge in the protected zones of the logic of “it has always been done this way”. They are the refuges that cause the Church to sicken. The Church must go forward; she must grow continually. In this way, she will remain young. This Church is entirely turned to God, therefore a participant in his plan of salvation for humanity, and, at the same time, entirely turned towards humanity. The Church must be a Church that dialogically encounters the contemporary world, that weaves fraternal relationships, that generates spaces of encounter, implementing good practices of hospitality, of welcome, of recognition and integration of the other and of otherness, and that cares for the common home that is creation. It is the Spirit in us that drives us towards evangelization, and this is the true freedom of the children of God.

**POPE FRANCIS CONFIRM ‘VOS ESTIS LUX MUNDI’ PROCEDURES AGAINST ABUSE**

Pope Francis promulgates an updated version of the Church’s norms to prevent and counter sexual abuse against minors and vulnerable adults, harmonizing various legislative reforms introduced since 2019 and extending the norms to cover lay leaders of international associations of the faithful recognized by the Holy See. **By Vatican News** Following nearly four years of experimentation and extensive consultation with bishops and the Dicasteries of the Roman Curia, Pope Francis has definitively promulgated procedures to prevent and counter sexual abuse within the Catholic Church. The updated version of the *Vos estis lux mundi* was published on Saturday, and enters into force on 30 April. It replaces the previous version published in May 2019, and confirms the Church’s desire to continue to combat crimes of sexual abuse. **Leaders of lay associations:** The most significant change introduced in the new version of the normative text concerns the provisions in "Title II" which lay out the responsibilities of bishops, religious superiors, and clerics in charge of a particular Church or Prelature. The updated text specifies that “the lay faithful who are or have been moderators of international associations of the faithful recognized or created by the Apostolic See [are responsible] for acts committed" while they were in office. Various other modifications were introduced to harmonize the procedural text against abuse with other normative reforms introduced between 2019 and the present. These include the revision of the motu proprio *Sacramento-rum sanctitatis tutela* (norms amended in 2021), changes made to Book VI of the Code of Canon Law (2021 reform), and the new Constitution on the Roman Curia *Praedicate Evangelium* (promulgated in 2022). **Vulnerable adults and abuse reporting:** One notable modification regards the inclusion of "vulnerable" adults in the normative text. The previous version referred to "sexual acts with a minor or a vulnerable person". However, the updated text speaks of "a crime against the Sixth Commandment of the Decalogue committed with a minor, or with a person who habitually has an imperfect use of reason, or with a vulnerable adult." Another change concerns the protection of the person who submits a report of alleged abuse. Whereas the earlier text stated that no constraint of silence may be imposed on the person who reports alleged abuse, this protection has now been extended to "the person who claims to have been offended and those who were witnesses." Additionally, the text strengthens calls to safeguard "the legitimate protection of the good name and privacy of all persons involved," as well as the presumption of innocence for those who are under investigation during the period in which determinations of responsibility are underway. The updated version of *Vos estis lux mundi* also specifies that dioceses and eparchies must operate an "organisation or office" which is easily accessible to the public in order to receive reports of cases of abuse. It also clarifies that the task of proceeding with the investigation lies under the responsibility of the bishop or Ordinary of the place where the reported events allegedly took place. **Abuse of authority:** The procedures introduced in 2019 set out precise guidelines on how to deal with reports of abuse and ensure that bishops and religious superiors who now including lay people with responsibility for international associations—are held accountable and are obliged through a universally-established legal precept to report abuse of which they have become aware. The document includes, and continues to include, not only abuse and violence against children and vulnerable adults, but also covers sexual violence and harassment resulting from the abuse of authority. Therefore, the obligation to report also includes cases of violence against religious women by clerics, as well as cases of harassment of adult seminarians or novices.



**FROM FR. HENRY DUC**

Dear Friends,  
Today we celebrate Palm Sunday marking the beginning of the Holy Week, the most significant time for us to walk once again the steps taken by Jesus in the last days of his earthly life. With the celebration of Palm Sunday, we participate in a multi millennial tradition initiated by the Early Christians right from the fourth century in Jerusalem. This tradition was witnessed and recorded by a pilgrim named Egeria in her ‘Egeria: Diary of a Pilgrimage’. In her own words, Egeria let us know how the liturgy of Palm Sunday took place, that “*particular passage from the scripture is read in which the children bearing palms and branches came forth to meet the Lord, saying: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. The bishop and all the people rise immediately, and then everyone walks down from the top of the Mount of Olives with the people preceding the bishop and responding continually with Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord to the hymns and antiphons.*” She also noted that the festive atmosphere of Palm Sunday begins to shift to a rather serious one at the time of the Gospel, as the Passion of the Lord according to Mark is proclaimed to the congregation to remind them of how Jesus was troubled and distressed in the garden of Gethsemane, betrayed and abandoned by his disciples, falsely arrested, judged, condemned and finally sentenced to his death on the cross. As you know, Palm Sunday begins with cheerful note and moves to a sombre one, and then we immerge deeper and deeper into the emotion-packed event of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, the agonizing and painful death of Jesus on the Cross on Good Friday, and then reach the peak of joy and glory at the Easter vigil and Sunday. The movement from triumph to condemnation and death, and then completed with the joy of Jesus’ Resurrection is not simply a highlight of the Lord’s last days, it also reminds of the life journey of each one of us, the journey that take us through all sorts of experiences, joy and sadness, health and sickness, success and failures. Let us pray today and also on the days ahead of the Triduum for the grace to help us always remain faithful to Jesus no matter what is happening to us in our lives. Pray that with the Lord’s support, we through the liturgies of the Holy Week will be able to nail our sins on the cross and bury them in the tomb, consequently we will rise again with Jesus filled with his Easter life and joy.

Have a prayerful Holy Week,

Fr. Henry

**PARISH NEWS...**

**THE CHURCH TRADITION TO VEIL IMAGES DURING LENT**  
The practice of veiling images, an old-aged tradition in the Church, alerts us that something is different, it can be startling at first, but the last two weeks of Lent are a time of immediate preparation for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. The veils are hard to miss and they serve as a reminder to get ready! The veiled images build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. The veils seem out of place, and even counterintuitive. It can seem strange that the crucifix is covered up during Passiontide. Through this absence of images, our senses are heightened and we become more aware of what is missing. Similarly, the suppression of the Alleluia during Lent effectively demonstrates that we are in exile from our true Home, where the angels sing Alleluia without ceasing. When images are unveiled before the Easter Vigil, we are reminded that we, in a sense, live in a veiled world. It is through our own death that we are able to see our true home, and the veil is lifted. Christ lifts the veil through His Resurrection. *Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.* John 11:25-26

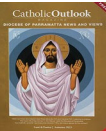
**OFFERTORY PROCESSION FOR OUR WEEKEND MASSES**  
With the intention to help our community to get more involved at Mass and better appreciate our share in the priesthood of the faithful, meaning our call to be priests, prophets and kings or queens of Jesus through baptism that Fr David Orr reminded us in our recent Parish retreat, I would like to invite all our parishioners to take part in the offertory procession, especially families that have some special celebrations in the families, such as wedding anniversaries, baptisms, birthdays, or death anniversaries.

**Lourdes: Luminare (Young Adults Group) Update:**  
**Catholic Youth Parramatta: Good Friday Night Walk - Stations of the Cross** on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> of April, 2023 11:30pm. Over 1000 young people will walk from St Patrick’s Church, Blacktown to St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta stopping by our OLOL7Hills at 11:30pm on Good Friday. All are welcome to join us as we reflect on the Passion of Christ. For more info, please contact Ryan Epondulan - [ryan.epondulan@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.epondulan@gmail.com)

**A REMINDER THAT DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**  
Don’t forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour from this Sunday 2nd April.



**NEW ALTAR SERVERS INSTALLATION**  
Congratulations to our new Altar Servers who were installed at the 9.30am Mass last week. I would like to thank these children for their generosity to offer their service. Let us continue to keep these young ministers in our prayer.



**CATHOLIC OUTLOOK AUTUMN EDITION OUT NOW!**  
Catholic Outlook Lent & Easter edition is out now and free to all parishioners. This edition includes the recent visit of Sr Nathalie Becquart XMCJ.

**HOLY WEEK ROSTERS**  
Palm Sunday and Holy Week Rosters are now available on the notice board of the back sacristy. Can all ministers please check these. Altar servers if would like to volunteer to serve please put your name down for your chosen mass.

**Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group HOLY WEEK**  
Please note for Holy Week only that Prayer Group will meet Wednesday 5th April 9am after mass in the Parish Meeting Room. All Welcome

OLOL PARISH CALENDAR		
APRIL 2023		
	See front page for HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES	
6	Last Day School Term 1	
10	Fr Henry's Birthday	
10	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
12	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
13	Over 50's Meeting	10.30am
14	Lourdes Young Adults Group Meeting	6.45pm
19	Baptism Preparation Meeting	7.30pm
21	Fr Henry's Anniversary Morning Tea	
23	Confirmation Enrolment Program	9.30am
24	School Term 2 Starts	
25	Anzac Day	
27	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm



## CYP Good Friday Night Walk: 7 April

Young people are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta and Bishop Vincent for the annual 21km Good Friday Night Walk from Blacktown to the Cathedral. For more information and to register visit <https://parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk/>

**Social Justice:** NSW Election Sydney Alliance event and others with write ups in Catholic Outlook  
**Faith in action: concrete wins for the common good** <https://catholicoutlook.org/faith-in-action-concrete-wins-for-the-common-good/>  
**Diocese of Parramatta first Catholic organisation to achieve external safeguarding accreditation** <https://catholicoutlook.org/diocese-of-parramatta-first-catholic-organisation-to-achieve-external-safeguarding-accreditation/>  
**Voice to Parliament – an Important Stepping Stone** <https://catholicoutlook.org/voice-to-parliament-an-important-stepping-stone/>

## Upcoming Events Social Justice Events:

**Book Presentation: Fr Frank Brennan** “An Indigenous Voice to Parliament”. Fr Frank Brennan SJ will give a public presentation of his new book “An Indigenous Voice to Parliament”. The book outlines both the “Yes” case and the “No” case. **Sunday 2 April, 1.30pm**, The Crypt of St Patrick’s Church in The Rocks (Enter from Grosvenor Street). All welcome. Admission Free. Copies of the book available  
**Memorial event to remember the Appin Massacre of 1816.** Winga Myamly Reconciliation Group organises the annual Memorial event to remember the Appin Massacre of 1816. This event is an opportunity for Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal people come together, to physically walk together. Through this journey we have learnt that reconciliation occurs through listening... and learning from the stories of the people... remembering stories never told in history books... stories of people whose spirit survives. **Sunday 16 April, 11am:** Community get together, 1pm -3:30pm: Memorial ceremony. wingamyamly.com Participants are advised to bring appropriate footwear, hats, sunscreen and bottled water. Fold up chairs are also recommended as seating is limited. Food variety is limited so those with special dietary requirements are advised to bring something of their own. There is accessible parking and a short walk to the memorial site. There will be a bus service for those unable to walk the short distance to the site.

**Further background:** <https://australian.museum/learn/first-nations/unsettled/fighting-wars/appin-massacre>

## MET FaithLIFE Scripture Course: Starting 2 May

Want to learn more about different ways to pray? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on “Prayer” with Br Barry Donaghue, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Tuesdays: 2 + 9 + 16 May. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown.  
 RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

## Liturgical Music Workshop: 4 May

Musicians, Clergy & Liturgy Planners are invited to attend a Music Workshop Presented by Eric Grella on Singing the Psalms & Chant on Thursday 4 May from 7pm - 8:30pm at 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP by 1 May to [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org)

## Caritas Australia Turkey and Syria Earthquake Emergency Appeal

Following devastating earthquakes in Türkiye (formerly Turkey) and Syria, which has killed thousands of people, Caritas Australia’s partners are on the ground as they assess the scale of damage and critical needs. Your donation to Caritas Australia can have a profound and lasting impact on those affected by the Turkey, Syria earthquake. By donating, you will help to provide vital emergency aid and essential items needed during a time of crisis. Visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/> to show your support.



## Palms Australia: Change their lives and yours

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website, you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: (02) 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567 or visit [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)



**Positions Vacant: Policy Coordinator** -The Diocese of Parramatta is recruiting for a part-time Policy Coordinator to work within the Chancery. If you have experience in policy writing and tertiary qualifications in Law, HR or compliance, we encourage you to apply. For a confidential chat, call Marie lemma on 0499 874 420 or email your CV and cover letter to [parracatholicjobs@parracatholic.org](mailto:parracatholicjobs@parracatholic.org)

**Secretary &Bookkeeper**-St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie is looking for a secretary and bookkeeper. This is a permanent part-time position with 30 hours per week worked over five days. Please forward applications and resumes to the Parish Secretary [secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au](mailto:secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au) by 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023. If you would like more information regarding this position please contact the office on 96313316.

**Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday)**  
**1 & 2 April**

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water.

With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or phone 1800 024 413.

**OLMC PARRAMATTA MUSICAL – THE LITTLE MERMAID**

You are warmly invited to their College Musical, The Little Mermaid to be held over 3 nights in May. Come along before the show & enjoy dinner from a variety of food trucks available from 5.30pm!

**Performance Dates:** Thursday 18 May, Friday 19 May & Saturday 20 May  
**Time:** 7.00pm (food stalls from 5.30pm)  
**Venue:** Edith Angel Hall (enter via Gate 7 Ross Street) **Parking:** Free parking at Parramatta Leagues Club  
**Tickets** - \$25 each.  
 To purchase, visit [olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://olmc.nsw.edu.au)

## POPE FRANCIS AT ANGELUS



Dear brothers and sisters, *buongiorno!*

Today, fifth Sunday of Lent, the Gospel presents to us the resurrection of Lazarus (cf. *Jn* 11:1-45). It is the last of Jesus’ miracles narrated before Easter: the resurrection of his friend Lazarus. Lazarus is a dear friend of Jesus, who knows he is about to die; he sets out on his journey, but arrives at his house four days after the burial, when by now all hope is lost. His presence, however, rekindles a little confidence in the hearts of the sisters Martha and Mary (cf. vv. 22, 27). They cling to this light, to this small hope, despite their suffering. Jesus invites them to have faith, and asks for the tomb to be opened. He then prays to the Father and shouts to Lazarus: “Come out!” (v. 43). And the latter comes back to life and comes out. This is the miracle, just like that, simple. The message is clear: *Jesus gives life* even when it seems that all hope has gone. It happens, at times, to feel hopeless – this has happened to us all – or to meet people who have given up hope: embittered by bad experiences, the wounded heart cannot hope. Because of a painful loss, an illness, a bitter disappointment, a wrong or a betrayal suffered, a grave error committed... they have given up hope. At times we hear those who say that “There is nothing more to be done!”, and close the door to every hope. They are moments when life seems to be a sealed tomb: everything is dark, and around us we see only sorrow and despair. Today’s miracle tells us that it is not like that, this is not the end, that in these moments we are not alone; on the contrary, it is precisely in these moments that He comes *closer than ever to restore life to us*. Jesus weeps: the Gospel tells us that Jesus wept in front of Lazarus’ tomb, and today Jesus weeps with us, as he was able to weep for Lazarus: the Gospel repeats twice that he is moved (cf. vv. 33, 38), emphasizes that he burst into tears (cf. v. 35). And at the same time Jesus invite us not to stop believing and hoping, not to let ourselves be crushed by negative feelings, which take away our tears. He approaches our tombs and says to us, as then: “Take away the stone” (v. 39). In these moments, it is as though we have a stone inside, and the only one capable of removing it is Jesus, with his word: “Take away the stone”. Jesus says this to us too. *Take away the stone*: the pain, the mistakes, even the failures, do not hide them inside you, in a dark, lonely, closed room. *Take away the stone*: draw out everything that is inside. “Ah, but I am ashamed”. Throw it to me with confidence, says the Lord, I will not be outraged; throw it to me without fear, because I am with you, I care about you and I want you to start living again. And, as he did with Lazarus, he repeats to each one of us: *Come out!* Rise again, get back on the path, regain your confidence! How many times, in life, we find ourselves like this, in this situation of no longer having the strength to get up again. And Jesus: “Go, go on! I am with you”. I will take you by the hand, says Jesus, like when you were a child learning to take your first steps. Dear brother, dear sister, take off the bandages that bind you (cf. v. 45); please, do not give in to the pessimism that depresses you, do not give in to the fear that isolates, do not give in to the discouragement caused by the memory of bad experiences, do not give in to the fear that paralyses. Jesus tells us, “I want you free and alive, I will not abandon you and I am with you! Everything is dark, but I am with you! Do not let yourself be imprisoned by pain, do not let hope die. Brother, sister, come back to life!”. “And how can I do this?”. “Take my hand”, and he takes us by the hand. Let you be pulled out: and he is capable of doing it. In these bad moments that happen to us all. Dear brothers and sisters, this passage, in chapter 11 of the Gospel of John and which it does a great deal of good to read, is a hymn to life, and it is proclaimed when Easter is near. Perhaps we too in this moment carry in our heart some burden or some suffering, that seems to crush us; something bad, some old sin we cannot bring out, some youthful mistake, you never know. These bad things need to come out. And Jesus says, “Come out!”. So, it is the moment to take away the stone and to go out towards Jesus, who is close. Can we open our hearts to him and entrust our worries to him? Shall we do it? Are we able to open the tomb of problems, are we capable, and look over the threshold, towards his light, or are we afraid of this? And in turn, as small mirrors of God's love, do we manage to illuminate the environments in which we live with words and gestures of life? Do we bear witness to the hope and joy of Jesus? We, sinners, all of us? And also, I would like to say a word to confessors: dear brothers, do not forget that you too are sinners, and you are in the confessional not to torture, but to forgive, and to forgive *everything*, just as the Lord forgives *everything*. May Mary, Mother of Hope, renew in us the joy of not feeling alone and the call to bring light into the darkness that surrounds us.

## After the Angelus

*Dear brothers and sisters!*

Yesterday, Solemnity of the Annunciation, we renewed the consecration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in the certainty that only the conversion of hearts can open the way that leads to peace. Let us continue to pray for the tormented Ukrainian people. And let us stay close also to the earthquake victims of Turkey and Syria. The proceeds of special collection taking place today in all parishes throughout Italy are destined for them. Let us also pray for the population of the state of Mississippi, struck by a devastating tornado. I greet you all, Romans and pilgrims from many countries, in particular those from Madrid and Pamplona, and the Mexicans; as well as the Peruvians, renewing the prayer for reconciliation and peace in Peru. We must pray for Peru, which is suffering a great deal. I greet the faithful of Zollino, Rieti, Azzano Mella and Capriano del Colle, Bellizzi, Crotone and Castelnovo Monti with Unitalsi; and I greet the Confirmation candidates from Pavia, Melendugno, Cavaion and Sega, Settignano and Prato; the young eople of Ganzanigo, Acilia and Longi; and the Association *Amici del Crocifisso* of the Marches. I address a special greeting to the delegation of the Italian Air Force, which is celebrating the centenary of its founding. I wish you well on this anniversary, and I encourage you always to work to build justice and peace. I pray for you all; and do this for me. And I wish you all a good Sunday. Enjoy your meal, and *arrivederci*.

## APPEALS

Today is World Water Day. The words of Saint Francis of Assisi come to mind: “Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water, who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste”. In these simple words we feel the beauty of creation and the awareness of the challenges involved in caring for it. During these days, the second United Nations Water Conference is taking place in New York. I pray for a successful outcome and hope that this important event will accelerate initiatives in support of those who suffer from the scarcity of water, this primary good. Water cannot be wasted and abused or a cause for war, but must be preserved for our benefit and that of future generations .On Saturday, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, and our thoughts turn to 25 March last year, when, in union with all the bishops of the world, the Church and humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine, were consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us never tire of entrusting the cause of peace to the Queen of Peace. I would therefore like to invite every believer and community, especially prayer groups, to renew the act of consecration to Our Lady every 25 March, so that she, who is Mother, may preserve us all in unity and peace. And let us not forget, in these days, troubled Ukraine, who is suffering so much.

