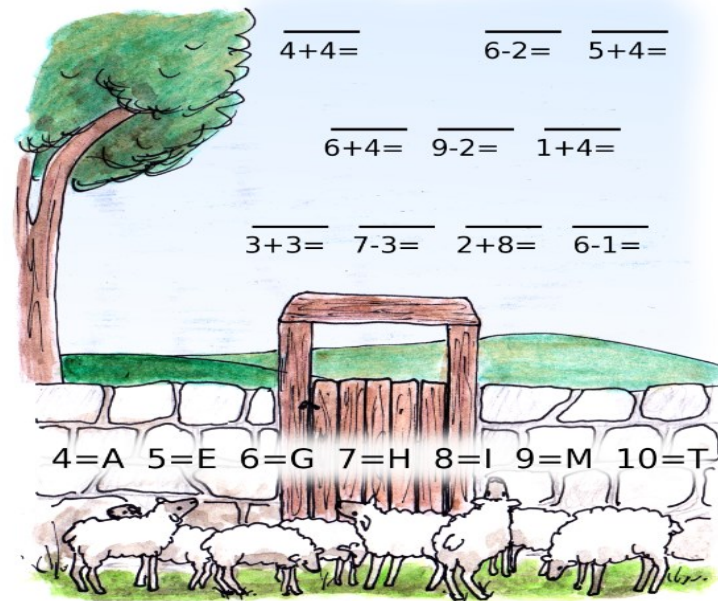


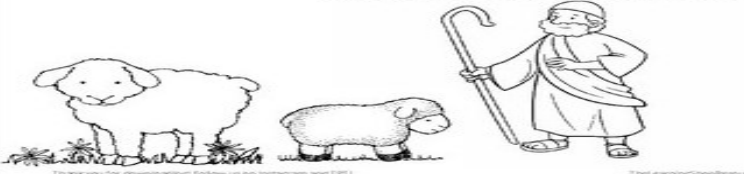
The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30th, 2023



What did Jesus say about the sheepfold?
Figure out the math questions
and then fill in the blanks
with the letters the numbers represent.

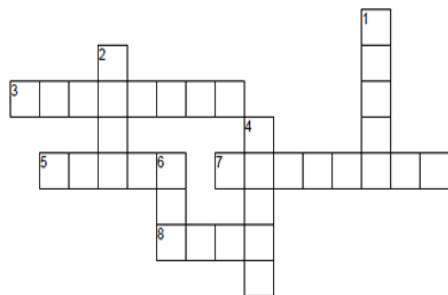
I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD



The Shepherd's Voice

When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. John 10:4 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 10:1-10 (NIV)



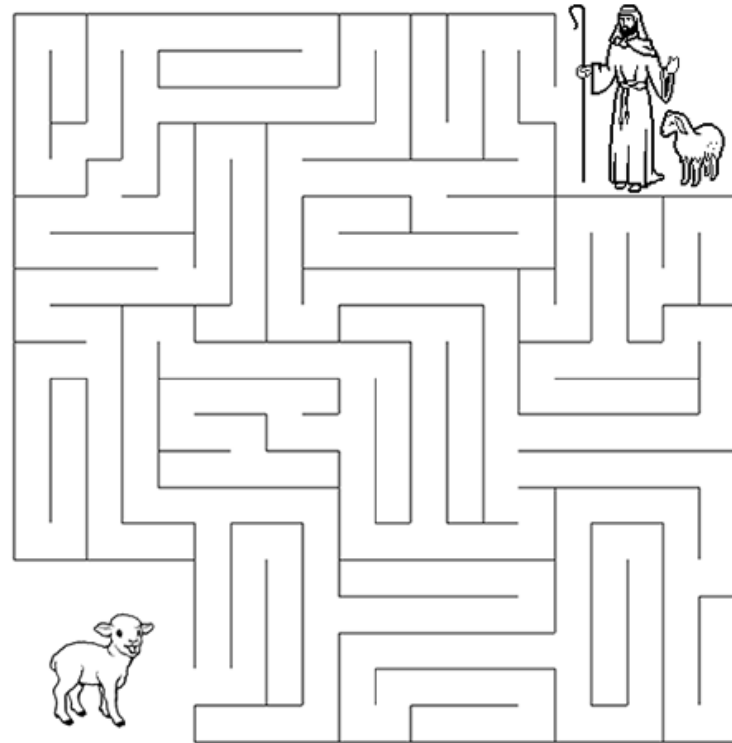
ACROSS

- Someone not known or not familiar
- A farm animal with thick curly wool
- A person who takes care of sheep
- The word or words by which a person or thing is known

DOWN

- The sound made when people speak or sing
- An opening in a fence for entrance or exit
- Someone who steals
- A small area surrounded by a fence in which animals are kept

STRANGER	VOICE	SHEEP	NAME
SHEPHERD	THIEF	PEN	GATE

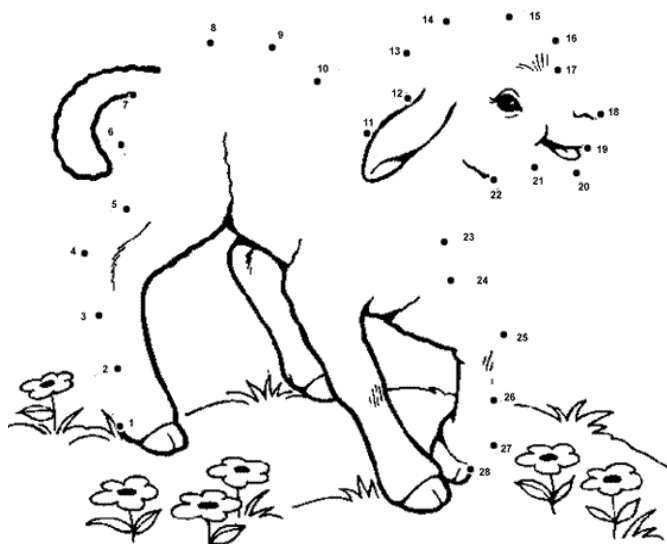


The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11 (NIV)
The puzzle is based on John 10:11-18

P E P F E L D W S R L G F T T
T B F L O C K P K M I U W E J
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K G E C G B A O T R L S C V V
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LISTEN	SHEEP	LOVES	WOLF	FLOCK
ATTACKS	CARES	PEN	GOOD	RUNS
SCATTERS	VOICE	SHEPHERD	LIFE	KNOW



Connect the dots to complete the picture.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

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Tues, Wed, Fri. 8.00am
Thursday 9.00am

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Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 9.30am

WEEKEND MASS:

Parish School:

OLOL 8869 6800

Principal:

Ms Keiran Byrnes

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:30-5:30pm

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19th April 2023

Baptism:

23rd April 2023

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 30 April 2023 • Year A



Let us Pray for the Sick

Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, Mamerto Angele,
Mary Attard, Cynthia Avery, Rosenda Bolano, Barrie Chamberlain,
Rosella Booth, Jock Clark Snr, Anthony Janicska, John Glover, Helen
Hili, Zeferino Jayson Morales, Blago Milicevic, William Orley,
Sr Colleen O'Sullivan RSJ, Debra Price, Camy Ratnam, Trent Ross,
Pummalin Sumcad, Sue Tipaldo, Natalie Woodward, Carmen Xuerib,
Vinnie Zarha

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: Neil Amaratunga, Agnes Bonello, Anton, Philomena & Clarence Corera, Baby & Jaime Cabrera, Sarojini Chary, Aurora Dumlaio, Julian Epondulan, Vernie Flores, Ranjan Fernando, Bernard Gauci, Maria Garufo, Gervais Garrick, Emmanuel Grech, Desmond Grogan, Mary Holmgren, Inocencia Datuin, Rita Leon, Debbie Mifsud, Jessica Neodama, Paiboon Pundmand, Emanuella Pozzolungo, Maria Reyes, Eddie Tabone, Catherine Tran, Lucia Yap Ong, Caroline Uy

Anniversaries: Fredy Alphonse, Gay & Jacqueline Angley, Michelle Azzopardi, Carmen Attard, Frank & Fortunata Baiada, Elvina Barnaba, Romeo Biniahan, Sam Borg, Simeon Carlos, Rosario & Aloysean Corera, Saviour Caruana, Audrey & Herman Chelliah, Charlie Chircop, James Daly, Antonia, Melvyn Fernandes, Josephine Francis, E. Franklin, Sheela Franklin, Emilia Galea, Jean Garrick, Elsie & Karl Garrick, Zoltan Gartner, Tarcisio 'Archie' Gatt, Christine Gomez, Charlie Gravina, Leonie Jordan, Chinedu Joseph & Family, Sammy Formusa, Rosine Lafleur, Maria, Apolinario Maglaya, Tomasa & Nicanor Magpayo, James McNally, Jasmine McElevey, Thomas Snr Morrissey, Anton Motha, Jason Muscat, Jim & Philippa Muscat, Alberto Nahoy, John O'Sullivan, Thirucheluum, Philomina, Theanmolish, Nirmala, Mile Perak, John Portelli, John Ratnam, Cornelio & Iluminada Rondario, Vivian Silva, Rosary Silva, Pauline & Santan Soares, Shane Vaz,

Remembrance: France Angseeing, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Sam Borg, Lina Cabaero, Lim Cho, Dennis Clarke, Myrna Cruz, Conception, Emerenciana Dizon, Anacleto Dizon, Dominic & Monica D'Souza, Peter Diab, Bebe Diab, Felina Maglaya, Zaren & Sam Formosa, John & William Formosa, Charlie Gauci, Selvam Irudayaraj, Sashin Patrick Manamperi, Gerard Marcello, Pauline Meilak, Mary Mifsud, Emilia & William Mifsud, Marcel Mohsen, Anton & Lourda Motha, Muscat Family, Josephine & Charles Muscat, Mary Muscat, Francis Muscat, Josefina Lim, Adrian Pereira, Jude Ranasinghe, John & Rosaline Ratnam, Jose Reyes, Laureano Reyes, Yolanda Reyes, Karen Reyes, Rodrigues Family, Jose Sanchez, Sem Serna, Debe Toufic, Tony Vassallo, Jim Vella, Hector & Rita Welgampola,



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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.



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

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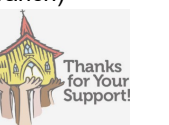
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COVID- 19 UPDATE

PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING ANY FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS.
Please Help Us Keep Our Community Safe.

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 Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41*
On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: ‘The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.’
Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, ‘What must we do, brothers?’ ‘You must repent,’ Peter answered ‘and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.’ He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, ‘Save yourselves from this perverse generation.’ They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit **(R.)**

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Peter 2:20-25*
The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the first holy Gospel according to John 10:1-10*
Jesus said: ‘I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.’ Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: ‘I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.’

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

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/OLOL7Hills/>



LOURDES OVER 50s GROUP
Over 50s Meeting Thursday 11th May 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, 12th of May, 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>

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. Please see Fr Henry or Ernie before Mass to arrange it.

OLOL PARISH CALENDAR		
MAY 2023		
3	Confirmation -1st Meeting	6.30pm
4	Healing Mass	8.00am
6	Confirmation -1st Meeting (RPT)	4.30pm
8	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
10	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
11	Lourdes over 50's Meeting	10.30am
12	Lourdes Luminate YAG Night	6.45pm
14	Mother's Day	
22	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

29/30 APRIL 2023		
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am Kilifi Huihui	
Ministers	Vigil: A.Bellissimo, C.Gonzales 8am: SUB RQD, E.Gartner 9.30am: Mercy Aquino	
Readers	Vigil: N. Do Rosario, J.Sarmiento 8am: N.Arambulo, SUB RQD 9.30am C.Diaz, K.Huihui	
Altar Servers	Vigil: SUB RQD, Lucas Laus 8am: VOLUNTEERS 9.30am Jake Kingston,	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	VOLUNTEER	
Flowers	Annette B & Mary	
Church cleaning	4 May	Beth Paiva Lourdes Spiteri
Welcomers	Vigil: Helen Gonzales 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am: VOLUNTEER	

6/7 MAY 2023		
Acolytes	Vigil: James Dinning 8am: Jerome Irudayaraj 9.30am Sandy Manamperi	
Ministers	Vigil: M.Mifsud, VOLUNTEER 8am: S.Nemorin, VOLUNTEER 9.30am: C.Brooks, B.Chandler	
Readers	Vigil: A.Punch, C.Rodrigues 8am: P.Ferriols, K.Walker 9.30am F.Kennedy, A.Walker	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Dominic Sant, Johnathan Sant 8am: VOLUNTEERS 9.30am Sofia Culili,	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Tongan Choir	
Flowers	Fenty, Gaby, Flo & Liz	
Church cleaning	13 May	Tongan Community
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain	

POPE FRANCIS: LAY MINISTERS MUST SERVE AND NEVER BE SELF-REFERENTIAL *By Lisa Zengarini*

Laypeople in the Church can and must carry out many instituted ministries, supplementary services, assignments and offices, which, however, should "never become self-referential", but always tend "to transform society" by bringing Christian values into the world. Pope Francis made this remark on Saturday in his address to the members of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life as they concluded their Plenary Assembly on the theme "The laity and ministeriality in the synodal Church". Welcoming the participants in the Clementine Hall, the Pope reaffirmed that "the willingness to serve the brethren, and in them, to serve Christ" is the true motivation that must inspire any faithful who assumes an ecclesial task and any commitment to Christian witness in the reality where he or she lives"

The origin of the ministeriality of the Church -Referring to the theme of the three-day session, Pope Francis reflected on the meaning of ministeriality in the Church and on the role of laypeople in this context. He noted that when we speak of Church ministries in general, the thought immediately goes to "instituted" ministries such as the ones of lector, acolyte, and catechist "which are all well known". However, he said, these instituted ministries "do not represent the full extent of the ministeriality of the Church, which is broader and, ever since the first Christian communities, regards all the faithful".

The common priesthood of all the faithful based on Baptism—The Pope recalled that its origin lies in Baptism and in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, the Sacrament is "the root of the common priesthood of all the faithful which is in turn expressed in the ministries". This is because all the baptized – whether lay people, celibate, married people, priests, religious – are Christifideles, that is believers in Christ, "and are therefore required to take part in the mission He entrusted to the Church, also through the assumption of specific ministries". The ministry of the laity in particular, the Pope continued, also "stems from the charisma that the Holy Spirit distributes within the People of God for its edification". This, the Pope said, explains even more clearly why the ministeriality of the Church cannot "be reduced merely to instituted ministries, but rather embraces a far vaster field".

Participating in the prophetic and regal function of Christ—Even today, "as in the first Christian communities, faced with particular pastoral needs, without resorting to the institution of ministries, pastors can entrust certain supplementary functions to laypeople, that is, temporary services, as in the case of the proclamation of the Word of the distribution of the Eucharist." Moreover, Pope Francis continued, "besides the instituted ministries, supplementary services, and other regularly entrusted offices, the laity can carry out a range of tasks, which express their participation in the prophetic and regal function of Christ: not only within the Church, but also in the environments where they live", for example in reaching out to those affected by old and new forms of poverty, including migrants.

Family ministry—The Pope also mentioned the field of family ministry which is all the more relevant today in light of the many challenges the family is facing and which was another focus of the Plenary. Recalling the magisterium of Pope St. John Paul II and of Pope St. Paul VI, Pope Francis highlighted, amongst other things, the educational mission of the family as a ministry of evangelization.

Mission and service- All these ministries, services, assignments and offices, the Pope emphasized, "must never become self-referential" and have two fundamental things in common: "Mission and service", because they "are an expression of the one mission of the Church and all are forms of service to others". *"I like to emphasize that at the root of the term ministry there is the word minus, which means "minor". And Jesus said so: those who command should make themselves the smallest, otherwise they do not know how to command. It is a small detail, but of great importance. Those who follow Jesus are not afraid to make themselves "inferior", "minor", to place themselves at the service of others. Indeed, Jesus himself taught us: "whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all" (Mk 10: 43-44)." Only by serving the brethren "and in them, Christ", Pope Francis concluded, will "all the baptized be able to discover the meaning of their own life, joyfully experiencing being 'a mission on this earth' that is, being called, in different ways and forms, to 'bring light, bless, enliven, raise up, heal and free'.*

POPE FRANCIS: ‘THE SOCIAL AND ENVIRONEMTAL CRISES ARE ONE’ *By Deborah Castellano Lubov*

"We need, in a word, to acknowledge that the environmental and social crises of our time are not two separate crises but one..." insisted Pope Francis as he addressed Interfaith Leaders from Greater Manchester in the Vatican on Thursday. The Pope expressed his appreciation for their efforts, as religious and political leaders, to raise awareness of the "urgent need" to protect the environment and work concretely to address the effects of climate change. "Your united witness," the Pope told them, "is particularly eloquent, since the history of your city is closely linked to the industrial revolution, with its legacy of immense technical and economic progress, together with an admittedly negative impact on the human and natural environment."

Safeguarding and respecting human dignity

"It has become increasingly evident, in fact, that our present commitment to safeguarding God's gift of creation," the Pope said, "must be part of a broader effort to promote an integral ecology that respects both the dignity and value of each human person and acknowledges the tragic effects of environmental degradation on the lives of the poor." "We need, in a word, to acknowledge that the environmental and social crises of our time are not two separate crises but one," he stressed. Certainly, the Pope acknowledged, this demands the creation of new and far-sighted economic models, but also "a determination to overcome the 'throwaway' culture of waste generated by present-day consumerism and by a globalized indifference that inhibits efforts to address these human and social problems in the light of the common good."

Duty to protect

Pope Francis said their work is distinguished by its "common witness to the intrinsically moral and religious dimension of our duty to protect the environment as a God-given gift calling for our responsible stewardship." Within their communities, and guided by the wisdom of their various traditions, he said, "you play an important role in contributing to a much-needed "ecological conversion" grounded in the values of respect for nature, sobriety, human solidarity, and concern for the future of our societies." An essential aspect of this contribution, he said, is their commitment, as men and women of faith, "to forming the minds and hearts of the young," and "seconding their demand for a change of course and for farsighted policies that have as their goal a sustainable and integral human development." Pope Francis concluded by addressing those before him as friends, offering his prayerful good wishes for their work and their intentions. "Upon all of you, I cordially invoke the divine blessings of wisdom, strength, and peace. And I ask you kindly to remember me in your prayers."



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,
Recently a young Vietnamese was ordained in the Philippines and his priestly ordination sent shock ways through the ecclesiastical circle in the Church of Vietnam due to the murky background of the newly ordained whose controversial ordination happen to come to people's attention due to the fanfare of his Thanksgiving Masses.
His background is murky, because he was jailed by the Vietnamese government together with a group of high profile officials in a corruption case, and a senior clergy from a diocese in Vietnam was stood down by its bishop for faking his signature on the documents required to support the

ordination and lying to him about his trip to attend the ordination ceremony, more importantly it was said that his uncle is the head of the Central Committee office, the most powerful organisation in the Communist Vietnam. Therefore, a lot of questions have then been asked not just about him, but also about those related to him, both Church men and government officials.

Obviously this is a typical case Jesus describes as 'thieves' and 'brigands' in the Gospel today, for they storm their way to enter the sheepfold instead of going through the main gate. These false shepherds will do nothing but bring destruction to the People of God, since they come only 'to steal and kill and destroy', and the sheep will never listen to them and will run away.

On the contrary, Jesus presents himself as the Good and authentic shepherd, the ultimate model for Church leaders who officially enter the main gate, knows the sheep and leads them, and the sheep will listen to him, follow him, be safe and enjoy a full life through his ultimate sacrifice of himself on the Cross and Resurrection from the dead, the events we just commemorated not long ago.

From the exegetical perspective, the Greek word for 'good' is 'kalos', which also means noble, beautiful, perfect, precious and wonderful. In this sense, it would be more accurate and appropriate, if we could refer to Jesus as 'the Perfect or Wonderful Shepherd.'

Inspired by Jesus' example as the 'kalos shepherd', let us pray especially for all shepherds in the Church. Pray that they will be given the grace to make them noble, beautiful, perfect, precious and wonderful shepherds, who will be able to bring life to their sheep.

Have a shepherd-oriented week,

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

PLANNED GIVING 2023/24 ENVELOPES

Thank you to all 2nd Collection givers for 2022/23. We will be organising and distributing our Envelopes for the next financial year shortly and would like to make sure all our details are correct. If you need to change address or bank details or if your family would like to join our planned giving for the next year please contact the Parish Office or complete a New Parishioner Form and we can include you. We really appreciate the generosity by all our Parishioners.

SEWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have an interest or gift in sewing and would like to help our school with the sewing of edges for religious education cloths and make new religious education garments. If so, please kindly contact the Parish office, we need you!



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council are invited to attend our monthly meeting in the Parish Meeting room at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10 May, 2023.

CONFIRMATION –1st Meeting 2023

The 4 week process of instruction begins this Wednesday 3rd of May (or at repeated meeting on the 6th) concluding with the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated on Friday 26th May this year.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who came along and helped celebrate Fr Henry's 28th Sacerdotal Anniversary last Friday.



Diocesan Synod 2023 – The Time is Now!

Join the Diocese of Parramatta as we listen and respond to the Holy Spirit through the People of God in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Let us go forwards towards the horizon that awaits us. Learn more at parracatholic.org/synod2023

Mission: One Heart, Many Voices Conference: 3-5 May

Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) invite you to save the date for the sixth biennial national Mission Conference. Three days of professional and personal development focused on mission.

Date: Wednesday 3 May to Friday 5 May 2023.

Venue: SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney. For more information, visit www.mohmv.com.au.

Holy Family Services,

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth and the Polish Community in Marayong invites you to share the community spirit in celebration of the Constitution Day, Our Lady Queen of Poland Feast and Multiculturalism of our Neighbourhood. During the day will be the time for family activities, ethnic group performances, good food and time for prayer.

WHEN: 7 May 2023 from 11am to 5pm

WHERE: 116 Quakers Road, Marayong (Church, hall and all around the property)

Let's celebrate the community we create. All are welcome!

Invitation to Register for CPR Training: 13 May and 5 June

You are invited to register for an accredited CPR Course being offered by Surf Life Saving NSW. This is being offered as FREE course to the Parishes of the Diocese as part of a project being offered by The University of Sydney, Westmead Applied Research Centre. The course runs for 2.5 hours and will be presented at two locations across the Diocese:

- St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood on Saturday 13 May from 10am or

- Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Monday 5 June from 4pm.

Please contact the Parish Office for information on how to register for the venue of your choice.

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, 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 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

'Dare to Dream!', via Zoom, 5x Wednesday, 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 May, 5.00-6.30 pm (AEST).

"We have had dreams and there is no one to interpret them" and Joseph said to them, "do not interpretations belong to God?" (Genesis 40:8) Join our director, Clare Shearman, and guests in our 'dream lab'. Based on the Dreams session previously offered as part of the Siloam Program, this five-week program will explore the significance of our dreams, include the practice of dream circles, provide guidance and practice for working with dreams our own and others', consider the potential for our dreams to personally and collectively shape the future. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$130. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or 98901101.

Mary Help of Christians Procession: 20 May

Join The Servants of Mary Help of Christians for their annual procession ahead of the Feast of Mary, Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia on Saturday 20 May. Mass will commence at 10am at St Peter's Surry Hills, followed by a street procession through to St Mary's Cathedral and Mass at 12pm. All are welcome to attend.

Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day: 21 May

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, on Sunday 21 May from 10.30am to 3pm, with registration from 10am. Morning tea will be provided, but BYO picnic lunch. No need to register ahead of time. Donations welcome. For enquiries, please contact either Ann Bergman on anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas on atlomas@bigpond.com or (02) 9653 2637.

'Anointed' MGL Sisters Pentecost Intensive Retreat: 24-28 May

Deepen in your anointing as a Christian called to intentional relationship with the Trinity, radical discipleship, generously sharing the charismatic gifts and a life of mission and service through inputs, discussion and practical workshops. Join us for 5 days live-in at Carmel House, Varroville. More info & register: www.trybooking.com/CFBRF

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Pentecost Celebration: 27 May

Come and prepare on the eve of Pentecost with the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW and Parramatta Communities. Come to an uplifting, inspiring, encouraging afternoon of worship, testimonies, listening to the Word of God and prayer ministry on Saturday 27 May from 2pm to 5pm at Servants of Jesus, 15 Park Rd Seven Hills. Register now via <https://www.trybooking.com/CHJKP>

St Bernadette's Lalor Park Wednesday Evening Devotions

St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park, is hosting weekly devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette every Wednesday evening at 6.30pm with Adoration and Rosary and special prayers, followed by Mass at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9672 4037 or admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au

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- **Lead Support** – Diocesan Synod

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

POPE FRANCIS' REGINA CAELI



Dear brothers and sisters, *buongiorno!*

On this third Sunday of Easter, the Gospel narrates the encounter of the Risen Jesus with the disciples of Emmaus (cf. *Lk* 24:13-35). These are two disciples who, resigned to the death of the Master, decide on the day of Passover to leave Jerusalem and to return home. Perhaps they were a little uneasy because they had heard the women coming from the sepulchre and saying that the Lord was like that... they go away. And while they are walking, sadly talking about what has happened, Jesus appears beside them, but they do not recognize him. He asks them why they are so sad, and they say to him: "But, are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" (v. 18). And Jesus replies: "What things?" (v. 19). And they tell him the entire story, and Jesus makes them tell him the story. Then, while they are walking, he helps them reinterpret the facts in a different way, in the light of the prophecies, of the Word of God, of all that had been proclaimed to the people of Israel. To reread: that is what Jesus does with them, helping to reread. Let us dwell on this aspect. Indeed, for us to it is important to reread our history together with Jesus: the story of our life, of a certain period, of our days, with its disappointments and hopes. Besides, we too, like those disciples, faced with what happens to us, can find ourselves lost in the face of these events, alone and uncertain, with many questions and worries, disappointments, many things. Today's Gospel invites us to tell Jesus everything, sincerely, without being afraid of disturbing him: he listens; without fear of saying the wrong thing, without shame at our struggle to understand. The Lord is happy whenever we open ourselves to him; only in this way can he take us by the hand, accompany us and make our hearts burn again (cf. v. 32). We too, then, like the disciples of Emmaus, are called to spend time with him so that, when evening comes, he will remain with us (cf. v. 29). There is a good way of doing this, and today I would like to propose it to you: it consists of dedicating some time, every evening, to a brief *examination of conscience*. But, what happened today within me? That is the question. It is a matter of *rereading the day with Jesus*, rereading my day: opening the heart to him, bringing to him people, choices, fears, falls and hopes, all the things that happened; to learn gradually to look at things with different eyes, with his eyes and not just our own. We can thus relive the experience of those two disciples. Before Christ's love, even that which seems wearisome and unsuccessful can appear under another light: a difficult cross to embrace, the decision to forgive an offence, a missed opportunity for redress, the toil of work, the sincerity that comes at a price, and the trials of family life can appear to us in a new light, the light of the Crucified and Risen, who knows how to turn every fall into a step forward. But to do this, it is important to *drop our defences*: to leave time and space for Jesus, not to hide anything from him, to bring him our miseries, to let ourselves be wounded by his truth, to let our heart vibrate at the breath of his Word. We can begin today, to dedicate this evening a moment of prayer during which we ask ourselves: how was my day? What were its joys, what were its sorrows, what were its mundanities, what happened? What were the pearls of the day, possibly hidden, to be thankful for? Was there a little love in what I did? And what are the falls, the sadness, the doubts and fears to bring to Jesus so that He can open new ways to me, to lift me up and encourage me? May Mary, wise Virgin, help us to recognize Jesus who walks with us and to reread- the word: *re-read* – every day of our life in front of him.

After the Regina Caeli

Dear brothers and sisters!

Yesterday, in Paris, Henri Planchat, priest of the Congregation of Saint Vincent de Paul, Ladislav Radigue and three companion priests of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary were beatified. Pastors inspired by apostolic zeal, they were united in their witness to the faith to the point of martyrdom, which they suffered in Paris in 1871, during the so-called Paris "Commune". A round of applause for the new Blessed! Yesterday was Earth Day. I hope that commitment to care for creation may always be united with effective solidarity with the poorest. Unfortunately, the situation in Sudan remains grave, and therefore I renew my appeal for an end to the violence as soon as possible and for a return to the path of dialogue. I invite everyone to pray for our Sudanese brothers and sisters. Today is the 99th Day of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, on the theme *For the love of knowledge. The challenges of the new humanism*. I hope that that largest Italian Catholic university will face these challenges with the spirit of the founders, in particular the young Armida Barelli, proclaimed Blessed a year ago. Next Friday I will go to Budapest, in Hungary, for three days, to complete the trip I made in 2021 for the International Eucharistic Congress. It will be an opportunity to embrace once again a Church and a people so dear to me. It will also be a journey to the centre of Europe, over which the icy winds of war continue to blow, while the displacement of so many people puts urgent humanitarian questions on the agenda. But now I wish to address you with affection, dear Hungarian brothers and sisters, as I look forward to visiting you as a pilgrim, friend and brother of all, and to meet, among others, the authorities, the bishops, the priests and consecrated persons, the young, the university community and the poor. I know you are making great efforts to prepare for my arrival: I thank you from my heart for this. And I ask you all to accompany me on this journey with your prayers. And let us not forget our Ukrainian brothers and sisters, still afflicted by this war. I greet you all from my heart, Romans and pilgrims from Italy and many countries – I see the flags of so many countries – in particular those of Salamanca and the students of Albacete, as well as the Veneto-Trentino grouping of the Order of Malta Relief Corps. I greet the faithful of Ferrara, Palermo and Grumello del Monte; the community of the Diocesan School of Lodi; the young people of various towns in the dioceses of Alba, Bergamo, Brescia, Como and Milan; the candidates for Confirmation from many Italian parishes; the pupils of the Sacred Heart Institute of Cadoneghe; the "Volontieri" cooperative from Casoli and the "Mototurismo" group from Agna.

I wish you all a good Sunday; and please do not forget to pray for me. Enjoy your meal, and *arrivederci!*

Special Greetings

May the Lord bless you all!

Lastly, as usual, my thoughts turn to young people, to the sick, to the elderly and to newlyweds. My hope for all of you is that, as you leave the Eternal City and return to the places where you live, you will bear witness to a renewed commitment to active faith, thus contributing to making the light of the Risen Christ shine in the world. And let us persevere in our closeness and prayers for battered Ukraine, which continues to endure terrible suffering. I offer my blessing to all of you.