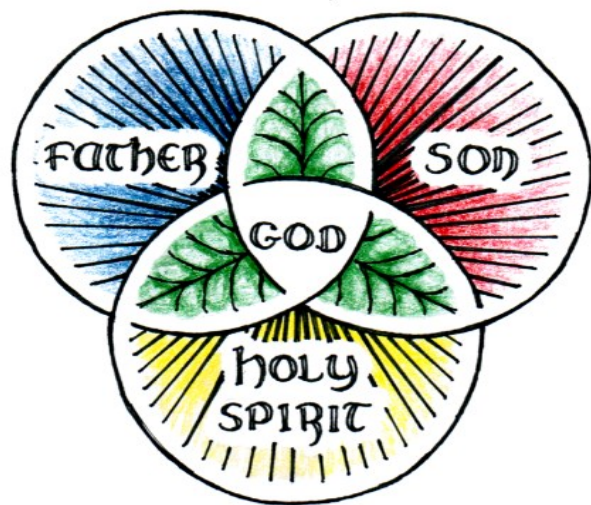


The Kids' Bulletin

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
June 4th, 2023



What does the word "Trinity" say about God?
Use the code to find out!

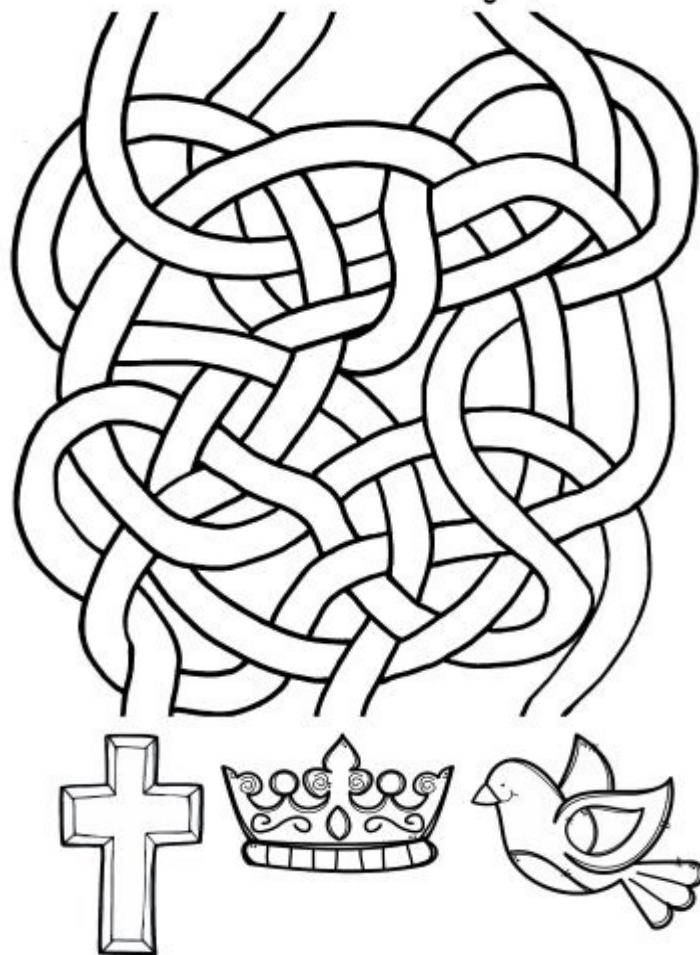
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Follow the maze to match each of the 3 persons in 1 God with their symbol.

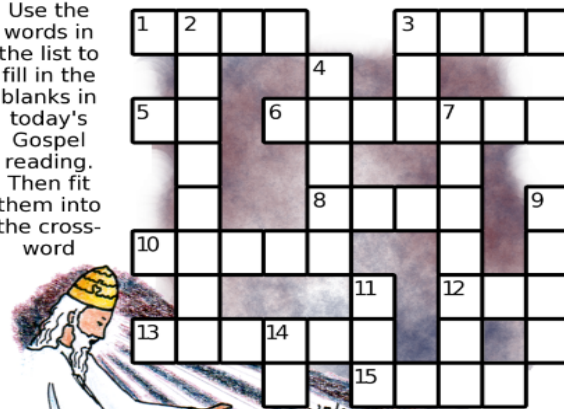
Father Son Holy Spirit



God So Loved The World Cross-Word

_____(3d) so _____(10a) the world
that he _____(3a) his _____(15a) Son,
so that _____(2d)
_____(11d) believes _____(14d) him might
not _____(13a) but might have
_____(7d) _____(8a) For
God did _____(12a) _____(1a) his Son
_____(9d) the _____(4d) to
_____(6a) the world, but that the
world might _____(5a) saved through him.

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading. Then fit them into the cross-word



BE
GAVE
GOD
IN
INTO
LIFE
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NOT
ONLY
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ETERNAL
EVERYONE

John 3: 16-18

I M P L X R Q G V F F Z F J F E C W
O P U A K S E H T O S F A T H E R O
C R D G D X E J B R P I F E H A A G
G E S F S I H N O G E B D H O R W J
L C S L M S S E T I A M M E U H K C
Y E P P L G E C C V C R S J S A S B
C I X F I M Q N I E E E E I E N U B
G V X D A R P R D P M H D T N D Q T
F E C J R W I R R B L D O W A S W H
T E H B R E A T H E D E Z L D I M N
V R P B M F E A R N V K S W Y P N D
K J C R D O O R S C Q T Z P W O P E

Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

BREATHED
DISCIPLES
DOORS
FATHER
FEAR
FORGIVE
HANDS

HOLY
HOUSE
PEACE
RECEIVE
REJOICED
RETAIN
SEND

SENT
SIDE
SINS
SPIRIT



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Tues, Wed, Fri. 8.00am
Thursday 9.00am

WEEKEND MASS:

Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 9.30am

Parish School:

LOLO 8869 6800

Principal:

Ms Keiran Byrnes

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19th July 2023

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23rd July 2023

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The Most Holy Trinity 4 June 2023 • Year A



Let us Pray for the Sick

Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, Ingrid Ball, Mamerto Angele, Mary Attard, Cynthia Avery, Rosenda Bolano, Barrie Chamberlain, Rosella Booth, Jock Clark Snr, Anthony Janicska, Ian & Irene Hall, Zeferino Jayson Morales, Debra Price, Trent Ross, Sue Tipaldo, Natalie Woodward, 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, Mansour Ahmad, Agnes Bonello, Anton, Philomena & Clarence Corera, Felisa Conejos, Sarojini Chary, Rita Leon, Aurora Dumlaio, Joan Falzon, Ranjan Fernando, Teodoro Garcia, Maria Garufo, Helen Hili, Ernesto Mendes, Michelle Muscat, Debbie Mifsud, Francis Muscat, Margie Silva, Jessica Neodama, Eddie Tabone, Elizabeth (Betty) Taiarol.

Anniversaries: Fredy Alphonse, Gay & Jacqueline Angley, T.F Augustine, Michelle Azzopardi, Frank & Fortunata Baiada, Cecil Beed, Peter & Helen Bonnici, Sam Borg, Rolily Burac, Carmela Carbone, Simeon Carlos, Charlie Chircop, Antonia, Melvyn Fernandes, Josephine Francis, Sheela Franklin, Emilia Galea, Jean Garrick, Elsie & Karl Garrick, Zoltan Gartner, Charlie Gravina, Ginny Heke, Leonie Jordan, Chinedu Joseph & Family, Sammy Formusa, Maria, Apolinario Maglaya, Tomasa & Nicanor Magpayo, Thomas Snr Morrissey, Anton Motha, Mary Muscat, Jason Muscat, Jim & Philippa Muscat, Alberto Nahoy, Juliet Peter, Thirucheluum, Philomina, Theanmolish, Nirmala, Custodio Pamos Jr, John Portelli, Felicissimo Prahinog, John Ratnam, Cornelio & Iluminada Rondario, Helen Salem, Vivian Silva, Rosary Silva, John & Mary Silva, Pauline & Santan Soares, S. Susainathan, Domingo Villarta Jr, Shane Vaz, Salvu Zammit.

Remembrance: France Angseeing, Cynthia Avery, Gregorio Almodovar, Carmen & Tony Attard, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Sam Borg, Lina Cabaero, Cini Family, Dennis Clarke, Myrna Cruz, Silvia & Sam Debattista, Emerenciana Dizon, Anacleto Dizon, Ngan Siu Eng, Julian Epondulan, Melvyn Fernandes, Felina & Apolinario Maglaya, Zaren & Sam Formosa, John & William Formosa, Charlie Gauci, Francisca Garcia, Sam & Mary Galea, Joe, Lonsan & Loui Deguire, Dolly Huertas, Selvam Irudayaraj, Sheena Landagan, Norma Lorenzo, Sashin Patrick Manamperi, Pauline Meilak, Mangion Family, Mary Mifsud, Emilia & William Mifsud, T.Then Mozhi, Marcel Mohsen, Anton & Lourda Motha, Louis & Stephen Mula, Muscat Family, Josephine & Charles Muscat, Josefina Lim, Adrian Pereira, Jose Reyes, Jude Ranasinghe, John & Rosaline Ratnam, Laureano Reyes, Maria Reyes, Yolanda Reyes, Karen Reyes, Rodrigues Family, Sem Serna, Cua Sing, Jim Vella, Hector & Rita Welgampola.

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



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.

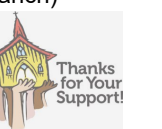
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BSB: 067 950
ACC: 000552
Reference: (Your *Planned Giving envelope number* or for a one off donation, 'DONATION')

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

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



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/LOLO7Hills/>

FIRST READING A reading from the book of Exodus Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, ‘Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.’ And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. ‘If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,’ he said, ‘let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.’

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)
Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)

2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.)
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.)
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

SECOND READING A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus, ‘God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son.’

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 8th June 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, 9th of June, 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		
	JUNE	
8	Over 50's Meeting	10.30am
9	Lourdes Luminate YAG	6.45pm
12	King's Birthday Public Holiday	
14	SYNOD Parish Meeting	7.30pm
19	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
29	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

3/4 June 2023		
Acolytes	Vigil: James Dinning 8am: Frank Paiva 9.30am Sandy Manamperi	
Ministers	Vigil: VOLUNTEER 8am: F. Balatbat, A. McNally 9.30am: C.Brooks, P.Gow	
Readers	Vigil: B.Motha, M.Simic 8am: A.Joseph, M.Santos 9.30am M. Aquino, A.Walker	
Altar Servers	Vigil: A.Bagatella, SUB RQD 8am: S. Park, P.Park 9.30am C.Attard, M.Pieras, J.Kingston	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Tongan Choir	
Flowers	Fenty, Gaby, Flo & Liz	
Church cleaning	10 June	Tongan Community
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Urge 8am: Joyce Hillbrick 9.30am: VOLUNTEER	

10/11 June 2023		
Acolytes	Vigil: Frank Paiva 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Ryan Epondulan	
Ministers	Vigil: H.Gonzales, VOLUNTEER 8am: L.Fernandes, J.Irudayaraj 9.30am: S.Lenthall, VOLUNTEER	
Readers	Vigil: L.Bellissimo, J. Sarmiento 8am: N.Arambulo, P.Ferriols 9.30am C,Diaz, K.Huihui	
Altar Servers	Vigil: D.Sant, J.Sant, A.Spadaro 8am: VOLUNTEERS 9.30am Jake Kingston, VOLUNTEERS	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults	
Flowers	Claudette & Judith	
Church cleaning	15 June	Cathy Hutchings Annette Peatman
Welcomers	Vigil: Chisha Gonzales 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am: VOLUNTEER	

DARK CLOUDS OVER A CLOSED WORLD

9. Without claiming to carry out an exhaustive analysis or to study every aspect of our present-day experience, I intend simply to consider certain trends in our world that hinder the development of universal fraternity.

SHATTERED DREAMS

10. For decades, it seemed that the world had learned a lesson from its many wars and disasters, and was slowly moving towards various forms of integration. For example, there was the dream of a united Europe, capable of acknowledging its shared roots and rejoicing in its rich diversity. We think of “the firm conviction of the founders of the European Union, who envisioned a future based on the capacity to work together in bridging divisions and in fostering peace and fellowship between all the peoples of this continent”. [7] There was also a growing desire for integration in Latin America, and several steps were taken in this direction. In some countries and regions, attempts at reconciliation and rapprochement proved fruitful, while others showed great promise.

11. Our own days, however, seem to be showing signs of a certain regression. Ancient conflicts thought long buried are breaking out anew, while instances of a myopic, extremist, resentful and aggressive nationalism are on the rise. In some countries, a concept of popular and national unity influenced by various ideologies is creating new forms of selfishness and a loss of the social sense under the guise of defending national interests. Once more we are being reminded that “each new generation must take up the struggles and attainments of past generations, while setting its sights even higher. This is the path. Goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day. It is not possible to settle for what was achieved in the past and complacently enjoy it, as if we could somehow disregard the fact that many of our brothers and sisters still endure situations that cry out for our attention”. [8]

12. “Opening up to the world” is an expression that has been co-opted by the economic and financial sector and is now used exclusively of openness to foreign interests or to the freedom of economic powers to invest without obstacles or complications in all countries. Local conflicts and disregard for the common good are exploited by the global economy in order to impose a single cultural model. This culture unifies the world, but divides persons and nations, for “as society becomes more than ever globalized, it makes us neighbours, but does not make us brothers”. [9] We are more alone than ever in an increasingly massified world that promotes individual interests and weakens the communitarian dimension of life. Indeed, there are markets where individuals become mere consumers or bystanders. As a rule, the advance of this kind of globalism strengthens the identity of the more powerful, who can protect themselves, but it tends to diminish the identity of the weaker and poorer regions, making them more vulnerable and dependent. In this way, political life becomes increasingly fragile in the face of transnational economic powers that operate with the principle of “divide and conquer”.

The end of historical consciousness

13. As a result, there is a growing loss of the sense of history, which leads to even further breakup. A kind of “deconstructionism”, whereby human freedom claims to create everything starting from zero, is making headway in today’s culture. The one thing it leaves in its wake is the drive to limitless consumption and expressions of empty individualism. Concern about this led me to offer the young some advice. “If someone tells young people to ignore their history, to reject the experiences of their elders, to look down on the past and to look forward to a future that he himself holds out, doesn’t it then become easy to draw them along so that they only do what he tells them? He needs the young to be shallow, uprooted and distrustful, so that they can trust only in his promises and act according to his plans. That is how various ideologies operate: they destroy (or deconstruct) all differences so that they can reign unopposed. To do so, however, they need young people who have no use for history, who spurn the spiritual and human riches inherited from past generations, and are ignorant of everything that came before them”. [10]

14. These are the new forms of cultural colonization. Let us not forget that “peoples that abandon their tradition and, either from a craze to mimic others or to foment violence, or from unpardonable negligence or apathy, allow others to rob their very soul, end up losing not only their spiritual identity but also their moral consistency and, in the end, their intellectual, economic and political independence”. [11] One effective way to weaken historical consciousness, critical thinking, the struggle for justice and the processes of integration is to empty great words of their meaning or to manipulate them. Nowadays, what do certain words like democracy, freedom, justice or unity really mean? They have been bent and shaped to serve as tools for domination, as meaningless tags that can be used to justify any action.

LACKING A PLAN FOR EVERYONE

15. The best way to dominate and gain control over people is to spread despair and discouragement, even under the guise of defending certain values. Today, in many countries, hyperbole, extremism and polarization have become political tools. Employing a strategy of ridicule, suspicion and relentless criticism, in a variety of ways one denies the right of others to exist or to have an opinion. Their share of the truth and their values are rejected and, as a result, the life of society is impoverished and subjected to the hubris of the powerful. Political life no longer has to do with healthy debates about long-term plans to improve people’s lives and to advance the common good, but only with slick marketing techniques primarily aimed at discrediting others. In this craven exchange of charges and counter-charges, debate degenerates into a permanent state of disagreement and confrontation.

16. Amid the fray of conflicting interests, where victory consists in eliminating one’s opponents, how is it possible to raise our sights to recognize our neighbours or to help those who have fallen along the way? A plan that would set great goals for the development of our entire human family nowadays sounds like madness. We are growing ever more distant from one another, while the slow and demanding march towards an increasingly united and just world is suffering a new and dramatic setback.

17. To care for the world in which we live means to care for ourselves. Yet we need to think of ourselves more and more as a single family dwelling in a common home. Such care does not interest those economic powers that demand quick profits. Often the voices raised in defence of the environment are silenced or ridiculed, using apparently reasonable arguments that are merely a screen for special interests. In this shallow, short-sighted culture that we have created, bereft of a shared vision, “it is foreseeable that, once certain resources have been depleted, the scene will be set for new wars, albeit under the guise of noble claims”. [12]

GOSPEL REFLECTION - Trinity Sunday John 3:16-18

In today's reading, Jesus explains to us the real reason he came into the world. He did not wish to condemn us or to scare us into obeying God's laws, but rather to show us he loves us and wants us to respond to that love by loving him in return. The Bible often compares this love between God and his people to the love between a husband and wife.

A husband who knows his wife doesn't like to pump gas, fills the tank before she uses the car. A wife who doesn't like science fiction movies attends a Star Trek film festival with her husband because that's his favorite show. The husband and wife do these things not because they have to but because they want to express their love for each other.

Our relationship with God is very similar. Just as the husband and wife communicate their likes and dislikes to each other, God communicates his likes and dislikes to us through Scripture and just as the couple show their love for each other by doing certain things and avoiding others, we show our love for God by doing what pleases him and avoiding what makes him angry.

That sounds simple enough but, in reality, showing our love for God is often very difficult. Sometimes we think of the Ten Commandments simply as a list of do's and don'ts and maybe only reluctantly follow them because we don't want to go to hell when we die. When this is how we view the Commandments, we are forgetting the reason God gave them to us.

Because the Commandments are God's way of telling us what pleases him and what does not please him, obeying them is like the wife watching Star Trek or the husband pumping gas. Following the Commandments, then, shows our love for God. If we understand them in this way, we will no longer ask if we have to obey them but will want to obey them because that is what loving God is all about.

For Reflection

People who love each other want to spend time together. How much time do you spend with Jesus?



PARISH NEWS...

SYNOD

Come join us on the journey to develop the Vision for Diocese of Parramatta. Synod listening event for our Parish is on Wednesday 14th June 7:30 - 9:45 pm in the meeting room. You can register electronically or manually at the back of the Church. Also Centrally Deanery Consultation option registration for Saturday 17th June 6:30 - 9:30pm at St Andrews The Apostle Primary School, Marayong. Contact Terry for more information 0409373715.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL BLANKET APPEAL

St Vincent de Paul are in urgent need of blankets and warm clothing for the homeless and families in need within our community. If you have anything to spare, please deliver them to Blacktown Community Services Centre - 14 Prince St, Blacktown. Your generosity is greatly appreciated this winter.



SAFE GUARD TRAINING

In keeping with Government regulations, the Diocese requires all volunteers, including our music ministry and choir members to complete a "Safe Guarding Training" . This must be done by the end of the year. It can be done online with many modules, however our Parish has organised with Maria from the Diocese to conduct a one day training on Saturday 8th July 2023 10.00am-3.00pm, which will fulfill the requirement. To register please contact the Parish office.

FR HENRY’S ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Henry will take annual leave from the 1st of June till the end of the first week of July. Frs Huy SJ, Vincy OFM Cap, and Luan OFM Cap will be available to help our parish with all Masses, so please make them most welcomed amongst us. In cases of emergency, please contact clergy from our neighbouring parishes, such as Lalor Park, Blacktown or Toongabbie. Our staff in the parish office are more than happy to help provide their contact numbers.

LIVESTREAMED MASS SHORT BREAK

Due to a technical issue, our live-streamed mass will be UNAVAILABLE for 5 weeks during Fr Henry's leave from June 3 to July 1, 2023. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause to our online congregation.

BECOME A CATECHIST AN SRE VOLUNTEER!

SRE's are parish volunteers who: Teach and share their faith with children of their parish who attend government schools; Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time with young people. OLOL SRE's go into Seven Hills, Seven Hills North, Bert Oldfield, Vardys Road State primary schools & The Hills Sports High School. **New volunteers SRE's will be given support, training, teaching materials and will start as a classroom helper.** For further enquiries please contact Sandy in the parish office 96222920

SOCIAL JUSTICE FOOD + COLLECTION

Black boxes have been placed at the back of the church to collect items for Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS). *Items especially needed* Red kidney beans, lentils and toiletries (Nappies {large sizes}, toothpaste, Shampoo, toothbrushes, Sanitary pads and napkins, Razors and shaving foam, Deodorant {male & female} and soap). Other items needed Basmati rice, Cooking oil, Long life milk, Tinned tuna, Chickpeas, Fruit, Biscuits, Muesli bars, Oats and Cereal. Thank you for your support.

Diocesan Synod 2023 – Join Bishop Vincent at a listening event!

Over the next six weeks, Bishop Vincent is travelling throughout the Diocese and listening directly to people's stories and suggestions about our Church. Join him at one of four locations to have your say. Events start at 6.30pm with light refreshments:

Saturday 17 June at St Andrew the Apostle Primary School, Marayong.

Saturday 24 June at Holy Spirit Primary School, St Clair.

To register for your local consultation and to learn more about the Diocesan synod, visit parracatholic.org/synod2023



Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Aboriginal Catholic Care at Emerton

Thank you for being the face of Christ to our First Nations people. Fr Fernando Montano, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and Catholic Care thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for our First Nations brothers and sisters in need.

World Environment Day – ‘Beat Plastic Pollution’: 5 June

Every year on 5 June, World Environment Day has become the largest global platform for environmental outreach, with millions of people from across the world engaging to protect the planet. The 2023 World Environment Day campaign ‘Beat Plastic Pollution’ calls for global solutions to combat plastic pollution. For more information, please contact MET Peace, Justice and Ecology Coordinator, Rachael Kama (Rachael.Kama@parracatholic.org).

Theology Hour - Vocations Panel: 7 June

Catholic Youth Parramatta and Campion College combine to bring you Theology Hour – Vocations edition! Theology Hour seeks to create a space for young people aged 18-24, to receive formation and authentic connections in a casual, fun environment. The night will include a food truck, coffee van, expo stalls, bonfire, live panel, live music and more! Please join us on Wednesday 7 June from 6:30pm-9:30pm at Campion College, 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Toongabbie. Register here: <https://parracatholic.org/theologyhour/>

Sydney Archdiocese & Parramatta Diocese Multicultural Mass: 18 June

Migrant chaplains and people from all ethnic communities in the Diocese of Parramatta and Archdiocese of Sydney are invited to a Multicultural Mass on Sunday 18 June at 2pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Bishop Vincent Long will be the principal celebrant and all are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Fr Roland Maurer EV or Kylie Cullen via immigration@sydneycatholic.org

Diocesan Liturgical Conference: 15 July

The Diocesan Liturgy Conference is on again in 2023! Save the date for Saturday 15 July at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong. Fr Peter Williams AM VG will be the Keynote speaker as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy. The conference will include a variety of workshops such as nourishing faith in children and discovering sacred art. To register, please visit www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495, contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org.

MET Worship RCIA Teams Formation Seminars: Beginning 3 August

MET Worship's Formation Seminar for RCIA Teams will be commencing on Thursday 3 August throughout August from 7pm to 9pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. New topics will be covered each week throughout the Seminar including Using Rituals, Mystagogia and more! To RSVP and to learn more about the seminar topics, please contact hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org or call 0460 037 795.

FaithLIFE – 3 Night Short Course on Scripture: Beginning 22 August

Want to explore Christian spirituality? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on Scripture with Sr Patty Andrew, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Tuesday: 22, 29 Aug & 5 Sep. Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

Treehouse Theatre's 13 Suitcases

The Treehouse Theatre program provides a platform for young refugees to share their life stories. Through group story telling in a live public theatre performance, young refugees share their personal stories with friends, family and the wider community. The latest Treehouse Theatre production, "13 Suitcases" features a cast of courageous students from Holroyd High School who have recently arrived from Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan.

Wed 7 Jun 7:30 PM at the Casula Powerhouse Theatre & Parramatta Riverside Theatre

<https://tickets.casulapowerhouse.com/Events/13-Suitcases/> or <https://riversideparramatta.com.au/whats-on/13-suitcases/>

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship.

Finding Freedom: Join Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) for an inspiring event featuring participants of the JRS Australia Leadership Program reflecting on this year's Refugee Week theme: 'Finding Freedom'. **Experience a creative showcase including speeches, poetry, short film and art** 6pm, Friday 16 June 2023 at Cloister Room, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Pl, Parramatta. Parking available onsite. RSVP: [here](#). A beautiful Persian dinner will be provided prepared by JRS clientele. Donations on the night are appreciated to help cover the cost of your meal and to support the important work of the JRS Leadership Program.

Positions Vacant:

• Claims and Legal Officer – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close **10pm Monday 5 June 2023.**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment



ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS

ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP

1. “FRATELLI TUTTI”.[1] With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. Of the counsels Francis offered, I would like to select the one in which he calls for a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance, and declares blessed all those who love their brother “as much when he is far away from him as when he is with him”.[2] In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of a fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives.

2. This saint of fraternal love, simplicity and joy, who inspired me to write the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, prompts me once more to devote this new Encyclical to fraternity and social friendship. Francis felt himself a brother to the sun, the sea and the wind, yet he knew that he was even closer to those of his own flesh. Wherever he went, he sowed seeds of peace and walked alongside the poor, the abandoned, the infirm and the outcast, the least of his brothers and sisters.

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3. There is an episode in the life of Saint Francis that shows his openness of heart, which knew no bounds and transcended differences of origin, nationality, colour or religion. It was his visit to Sultan Malik-el-Kamil, in Egypt, which entailed considerable hardship, given Francis' poverty, his scarce resources, the great distances to be traveled and their differences of language, culture and religion. That journey, undertaken at the time of the Crusades, further demonstrated the breadth and grandeur of his love, which sought to embrace everyone. Francis' fidelity to his Lord was commensurate with his love for his brothers and sisters. Unconcerned for the hardships and dangers involved, Francis went to meet the Sultan with the same attitude that he instilled in his disciples: if they found themselves “among the Saracens and other nonbelievers”, without renouncing their own identity they were not to “engage in arguments or disputes, but to be subject to every human creature for God's sake”.[3] In the context of the times, this was an extraordinary recommendation. We are impressed that some eight hundred years ago Saint Francis urged that all forms of hostility or conflict be avoided and that a humble and fraternal “subjection” be shown to those who did not share his faith.

4. Francis did not wage a war of words aimed at imposing doctrines; he simply spread the love of God. He understood that “God is love and those who abide in love abide in God” (1 Jn 4:16). In this way, he became a father to all and inspired the vision of a fraternal society. Indeed, “only the man who approaches others, not to draw them into his own life, but to help them become ever more fully themselves, can truly be called a father”.[4] In the world of that time, bristling with watchtowers and defensive walls, cities were a theatre of brutal wars between powerful families, even as poverty was spreading through the countryside. Yet there Francis was able to welcome true peace into his heart and free himself of the desire to wield power over others. He became one of the poor and sought to live in harmony with all. Francis has inspired these pages.

5. Issues of human fraternity and social friendship have always been a concern of mine. In recent years, I have spoken of them repeatedly and in different settings. In this Encyclical, I have sought to bring together many of those statements and to situate them in a broader context of reflection. In the preparation of *Laudato Si'*, I had a source of inspiration in my brother Bartholomew, the Orthodox Patriarch, who has spoken forcefully of our need to care for creation. In this case, I have felt particularly encouraged by the Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, with whom I met in Abu Dhabi, where we declared that “God has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity, and has called them to live together as brothers and sisters”.[5] This was no mere diplomatic gesture, but a reflection born of dialogue and common commitment. The present Encyclical takes up and develops some of the great themes raised in the Document that we both signed. I have also incorporated, along with my own thoughts, a number of letters, documents and considerations that I have received from many individuals and groups throughout the world.

6. The following pages do not claim to offer a complete teaching on fraternal love, but rather to consider its universal scope, its openness to every man and woman. I offer this social Encyclical as a modest contribution to continued reflection, in the hope that in the face of present-day attempts to eliminate or ignore others, we may prove capable of responding with a new vision of fraternity and social friendship that will not remain at the level of words. Although I have written it from the Christian convictions that inspire and sustain me, I have sought to make this reflection an invitation to dialogue among all people of good will.

7. As I was writing this letter, the Covid-19 pandemic unexpectedly erupted, exposing our false securities. Aside from the different ways that various countries responded to the crisis, their inability to work together became quite evident. For all our hyper-connectivity, we witnessed a fragmentation that made it more difficult to resolve problems that affect us all. Anyone who thinks that the only lesson to be learned was the need to improve what we were already doing, or to refine existing systems and regulations, is denying reality.

8. It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Fraternity between all men and women. “Here we have a splendid secret that shows us how to dream and to turn our life into a wonderful adventure. No one can face life in isolation... We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to dream together. By ourselves, we risk seeing mirages, things that are not there. Dreams, on the other hand, are built together”.[6] Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all.

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