

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23 July 2023 • Year A



Let us Pray for the Sick

Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, Ingrid Ball, Mary Attard, Cynthia Avery, Rosenda Bolano, Barrie Chamberlain, Rosella Booth, Jock Clark Snr, Alfredo Fernandez, Shelley Firth, Rohan Jayasundara, Anthony Janicska, Ian & Irene Hall, Zeferino Jayson Morales, Debra Price, Sue Tipaldo, Vinnie Zarha, Natalie Woodward, Sr Colleen O'Sullivan.

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@lol7hills.com.au We can also arrange for Holy Communion or a visit if required.

Let us Pray for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Neil Amaratunga, Marciano Areglamos, Mansour Ahmad, Agnes Bonello, Anton, Philomena & Clarence Corera, Felisa Conejos, Sarojini Chary, Rita Leon, Sarah De Silva, Gladys Fernando, Nasser Dehdeh, Aurora Dumlao, Joan Falzon, Teodoro Garcia, Ranjan Fernando, Maria Garufo, Steve Gauci, James Gray, Rohan Jayasundara, Debbie Mifsud, Michelle Muscat, Pacienza Piscopo, Trent Ross, Margie Silva, Lucie M.D Nguyen, Eddie Tabone, Jessica Neodama, Julia Lordan. Joseph & Theresa Vella.

Anniversaries: Fredy Alphonse, France Angseesing, Caroline & Andre Almeida, Gay & Jacqueline Angley, Nazarene(Ronnie) Borg, Rolily Burac, Michelle Azzopardi, Frank & Fortunata Baiada, Josephine Calleja, Simeon Carlos, Charlie Chircop, Danielle Chalon, Monica, Conception & Dominic D'Souza, Conchita Deloso, Antonia, Melvyn Fernandes, Josephine Francis, Sheela Franklin, Emilia Galea, Evangeline & Jose Garcia, Leandro Garcia Snr, Jean Garrick, Elsie & Karl Garrick, Zoltan Gartner, Charlie Gravina, Anthony Gracie, Chinedu Joseph & Family, Salvatore Loria, Fr Lorenzo Loria, Maria, Lourda Motha, Mary Muscat, Apolinario Maglaya, Tomasa & Nicanor Magpayo, Maria Regina Menezes, Graciano Theodore Menezes, Jason Muscat, Jim & Philippa Muscat, Alberto Nahoy, Ersilia Paolini, Thirucheluum, Philomina, Theanmolish, Jayantibhai Parmar, Nirmala, Adrian Pereira, John Portelli, John Ratnam, Felicissimo Prahinog, Cornelio & Illuminada Rondario, Michael Sant, John & Mary Silva, Vivian Silva, Rosary Silva, Pauline & Santan Soares, Salva Zammit, S. Susainathan, Dionisio Udan, Melchor Usman, Romualdo Austria Snr.

Remembrance: France Angseesing, Cynthia Avery, Gregorio Almodovar, Carmen & Tony Attard, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Lina Cabaero, Cini Family, Dennis Clarke, Cini Family, Myrna Cruz, 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, 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, Josephine & Charles Muscat, Jose Reyes, Mary & Francis Muscat, Josefina Lim, Adrian Pereira, Lakshman Pereira, Laureano Reyes, Jude Ranasinghe, John & Rosaline Ratnam, Connie Redman, Maria Reyes, Yolanda Reyes, Karen Reyes, Rodrigues Family, Sem Serna, Tony Vassallo, Hector & Rita Welgampola. Cua Sing, Jim Vella, Shane Vaz,

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.

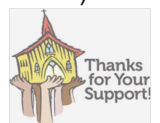
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KEEP UP TO DATE

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

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), (Vigil), Sundays: 8AM, 9:30AM** <https://www.facebook.com/LOL7Hills/>

FIRST READING A reading from the book of Wisdom 12:13.16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to ill, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance. The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

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| 1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.) | 3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. (R.) |
| 2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. (R.) | |
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SECOND READING A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God. The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

I have followed a YouTube channel of a young Vietnamese who has been travelling around the globe to show his audience various interesting parts of the world that the mainstream media have failed to cover, places such as Cuba and a lot of countries in Africa, some of whom we never heard of.

For his latest clip, he travels to the war-torn Ukraine and gives his followers a glimpse of life in Odessa and Kharkiv. From Odessa he took a more than ten hour trip to Kharkiv, which, according to him, is about 40 kms from the border with Russia.

When he just arrived in the city around 7pm, he was immediately welcomed by the sirens echoing all around the place and received a message on his phone advising him to look for the nearest shelter. The message ended with a warning, 'your over confidence could be your weakness.' He said the sirens continued to blare up for three more times in just two hours, and kept repeating throughout his first night. When he got up in the morning, he learnt that at least three Ukrainian civilians were killed during the night as a result of the missile attacks.

Watching that live coverage of war from this young YouTuber, I couldn't help but to be impressed by his skill and courage to enter the war zone and do a good job with the coverage, and at the same time feel sorry for the people there who have to live in that nerve-breaking environment not just for a night or two, but for two years, and was left to wonder why the man responsible for such a catastrophe has remained untouched and if so, where is the divine justice?

However, the gospel this Sunday about the co-existence of the dandelion and the wheat in the world tends to give me something to reflect upon regarding the question about why the evil ones appear to be unpunished for their heaven piercing atrocities.

With this parable, Jesus means to clarify (1) that the dandelion symbolising those evil people is not created by God, but it is rather the product of God's enemy namely Satan, (2) that the Son of God, Jesus himself shall deal with the dandelion harshly at the end of time by condemning them in the blazing furnace of hell, and (3) that the wheat standing for the virtuous shall receive the best reward, a radiance like the sun in heaven, consequently they need to remain patient in the meantime.

Let us pray today for the patience to bear with whatever dandelion we might encounter along our Faith journey, and the strength to remain who we are as the wheat sown by the Lord in the world, and grow the best we can to bear a good harvest for God, and receive the ultimate reward to shine like the sun in the kingdom of our heavenly Father.

Have a grace-filled week,

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

LOL SCHOOL GRANDPARENTS DAY MASS 30TH JULY

Sunday 9.30am mass on the 30th of July, will be dedicated to all grandparents—those present, heavenly or unable to be with us. Please join us with your family and as a community to share this special mass.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

We wish all those travelling to the World Youth Day in Lisbon this year, especially the pilgrims from our parish, a safe and blessed trip.

May the Lord guide you all on this amazing journey.

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST 2023

A reminder that the sacramental meetings begin on the 2nd of August. For more information please contact Artelle in the parish office.

DENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2023

When: Saturday, 12th of August 2023

Time: 1PM-3PM

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Meeting Room

Who: All are welcome, all ages!

Join our volunteer oral health professionals from the Dental Hygienists Association of Australia and in collaboration with the Peace, Justice and Ecology Office, Diocese of Parramatta for an Information Day to celebrate Dental Health Week!

FREE toothpastes and toothbrushes will be provided

To register and for more information please refer to the posters around the parish.

For any questions please contact: Ian Epondulan - ian_ube@hotmail.com

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Everyone is welcome to submit ideas and suggestions either individually through this link

[synod2023_submissions_Individual](https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_submissions_Individual) - Diocese of Parramatta (parracatholic.org),

or group through

[synod2023_submissions_group](https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_submissions_group) - Diocese of Parramatta (parracatholic.org)

DIOCEASAN SYNOD

In preparation for our participation in the diocesan synod, our parish is going to take these two steps:

Step one began last week as everyone was invited to take home this week a copy of Pope Francis' address for the opening of the synod two years ago, since his address gives us some idea of what synodality is about, why the pope has called us to get involved in this synodal journey and where he hopes the Church to become; Step two is conducted this weekend, as each of our parishioners will have a chance to share their concerns, their dreams and visions to make our Church better. Thank you all for your participation in this synodal survey.

OVER 50'S BUS TRIP NOTICE

OVER 50'S CLUB BUS OUTING SET FOR MONDAY 7TH AUGUST TO CRONULLA HAS BEEN CANCELLED! For further enquires contact John Lyons 0402 260 856

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Thank you for your donations for Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS). **Save the date** Sat 16th Sept 2-5:30pm "World Day of Migrants and Refugees" will be celebrated in our parish hall. Family friendly event with food and entertainment.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Your stories matter! Send your submissions to the first Diocesan Synod before 31 July

Our Diocesan Synod is calling you to share stories and have conversations at your parish, with a friend, or with family, about how we can walk together to become the Church that Christ calls us to be. The success of the Synod relies on your participation. Your submissions will inform the development of the agenda for the Synod, from 12-15 October 2023, which will gather clergy, consecrated and laity to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church.

Applications to be a member at the Synod are now open. Apply to be a member or make a submission before 31 July: <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>

Apply to be a Member at our Diocesan Synod

If you are someone with a commitment to discern prayerfully with others what God wants for the whole diocese, then you might be called to be a member at our first Diocesan Synod! Details of the selection criteria and requirements are available on our website now parracatholic.org/synod2023. Applications are welcome now until 31 July. Further enquiries can be sent via email synod2023@parracatholic.org

Fr Carl Ashton Funeral Arrangements: 25 July

Fr Carl Ashton, Pastor Emeritus of Sacred Heart Parish, Mt Druitt South, died on Thursday 13 July 2023, aged 86. A Vigil Mass will be held on Monday 24 July at Sacred Heart Parish, Mt Druitt South, from 7pm, followed by a prayer vigil. The Requiem Mass for Fr Carl will be held on Tuesday 25 July at 11am at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys, followed by a committal at Pinegrove Memorial Park, Minchinbury. In your charity, please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Fr Carl and remember his family in your prayers.

Follow our World Youth Day pilgrimage from home!

170 young people from Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have officially taken off to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal for an experience of a lifetime. Our pilgrimage will travel through some of the most beautiful and sacred parts of Europe and you are invited to follow along from home. We will be posting videos, photos and articles throughout the trip, so you can see and hear what our pilgrims are experiencing. Sign up today by visiting catholicoutlook.info/WYD23News

Quakers Hill Parish Bingo Night: 5 August

Due to popular demand, BINGO will be held again on **5 August at Mary Immaculate Parish** (in the MPA). Doors open at **6:30pm for a 7pm start**. Please BYO Food and Drinks. Hot and cool beverages will be available on the night for a small fee. There will be more cash and prizes to be won! Please RSVP by phone or email by 3 August to book your seat(s) on (02) 9626 3326 or parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au. Come one come all!

Rouse Hill Parish Family Fiesta: 6 August

The Annual Our Lady of the Angels Family Fiesta will be on Sunday 6 August at 1 Wellgate Avenue, North Kellyville. Celebrations commence with Mass at 11am followed by a procession. Rides, Entertainment, Petting Zoo and wonderful International Food will be available from 1pm and continue throughout the afternoon with a fireworks display to finish at 6pm. This is a wonderful event for all the family and we hope to see you there!

Get #Active4Vocations in the City2Surf: 13 August

Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community. Scan this QR code or visit tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations to register or donate. Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians to become priests.



Missionaries of God's Love Overshadowed Retreat: 18-20 August

Join the MGL Sisters in a weekend retreat exploring what happens we say 'yes' to the Holy Spirit. Experience the life-changing power of deepening in God's love, surrendering to Jesus and living under the grace of the Holy Spirit. The retreat will be held at Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW, from Friday 18 to Sunday 30 August. Bookings can be made before 11 August by visiting <http://www.trybooking.com/CFBQX>. For more information, please contact Katherine on mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com

Castle Hill Parish an Evening of Sacred Music: 25 August

St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill, will be hosting an evening of Sacred Music on Friday 25 August at 7:30pm. The event will be a night of performances by choirs, music groups and soloists from around the Diocese, performing a selection of hymns and choral music. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased at <https://www.trybooking.com/CJJSJ>. Entry includes light refreshments during intermission. For more information, please contact the parish office on (02) 9634 2622 or email admin@stbernadette.org.au

MET Marriage Retrouvaille Program Information Session: 25 August

The Diocese of Parramatta aims to offer the Retrouvaille program for couples who are having difficulties in their marriage. We are looking for married couples who are committed to helping others heal their marriage relationships. You will be trained to facilitate this program. An information evening will be held on 25 August at 7.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Contact Karin on (02) 8838 3460 or register at marriage@parracatholic.org

Liturgical Ministry Formation Course

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

Volunteer for the House of Welcome

Volunteers are needed by the House of Welcome to do odd jobs around properties which house refugees and people seeking asylum. If you are a handyman or woman with a few hours you can donate, contact Maricar at m.tupaea@houseofwelcome.com.au.



POPE FRANCIS' LATEST ANGELUS

Dear brothers and sisters, *buongiorno!*

Today the Gospel presents us the parable of the sower (cf. *Mt* 13:1-23). "Sowing" is a very beautiful image, and Jesus uses it to describe the gift of his Word. Let us imagine a seed: it is tiny, barely visible, but it makes plants grow that bear fruit. The Word of God is thus: think of the Gospel, a small book, simple and within reach of all, that produces new life in those who receive it. So, if the Word is the seed, we are the soil: we can receive

it or not. But Jesus, the "good sower", *does not tire of sowing it generously*. He knows our terrain, he knows that the stones of our inconstancy and the thorns of our vices (cf. vv. 21-22) can suffocate the Word, yet he hopes, he always hopes that we can bear abundant fruit (cf. v. 8). This is what the Lord does, and this is what we too are required to do: to *sow tirelessly*. But how can one do this, sow continually without tiring? Let us take a few examples.

Firstly parents, firstly parents: they sow goodness and faith in their children, and they are called to do so without being discouraged even if at times they seem not to understand or to appreciate their teachings, or if the mentality of the world is against them. The good seed remains, this is what counts, and it will take root in due time. But if, giving in to mistrust, they give up sowing and leave their children at the mercy of fashions and mobile phones, without dedicating time to them, without educating them, then the fertile soil will be filled with weeds. Parents, never tire to sow in your children!

Let us look, then, at the young: they too can sow the Gospel in the furrows of everyday life. For example, with prayer: it is a small seed that you cannot see, but with which you entrust everything you live to Jesus, and so he can make it ripen. But I am also thinking of the time to dedicate to others, to those most in need: it may seem wasted; instead, it is holy time, while the apparent satisfactions of consumerism and hedonism leave one empty-handed. And I think of study: it is true, it is tiring and not immediately satisfying, like sowing, but is essential to build a better future for all. We have seen parents, we have seen the young; now let us look at the sowers of the Gospel, many good priests, religious and laypeople engaged in proclamation, who live and preach the Word of God often without immediate success. Let us never forget, when we proclaim the Word, that even where it seems that nothing is happening, in reality the Holy Spirit is at work, and the kingdom of God is already growing, through and beyond our efforts. Therefore, go ahead joyfully, dear brothers and sisters! Let us remember the people who placed the seed of the Word of God in our life: each one of us, think of "how my faith began". Perhaps it germinated years after we encountered their examples, but it happened thanks to them!

In the light of all this, we can ask ourselves: do I sow goodness? Do I only care about reaping for myself, or do I also sow for others? Do I sow some seeds of the Gospel in everyday life: study, work, free time? Do I get discouraged or, like Jesus, do I continue to sow, even if I do not see immediate results? May Mary, whom we venerate today as the Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel, help us to be generous and joyful sowers of the Good News.

After the Angelus

Dear brothers and sisters, I greet you all, Romans and pilgrims from various countries.

I greet the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of the Apostles, gathered in Rome for their General Chapter.

I send my heartfelt greeting to the *Cenacolo* Community, which has been a place of hospitality and human promotion for forty years; I bless Mother Elvira, the bishop of Saluzzo, and all the fraternity and friends. What you do is good, and it is good that you exist! Thank you!

I want to recall that, eighty years ago, on 19 July 1943, some quarters of Rome, especially San Lorenzo, were bombed, and the Pope, the Venerable Pius XII, wanted to go among the devastated people. Unfortunately, today too these tragedies are repeated. How is this possible? Have we lost our memory? May the Lord have mercy on us and deliver the human family from the scourge of war. In particular, we pray for the dear Ukrainian people, who are suffering so much.

I wish to greet and thank all the parishes that are carrying out summer activities with children and young people – there is a very popular one in the Vatican too. Thank you to the priests, the sisters, the animators and the families! In this context, I extend my best wishes for the next edition of the Giffoni Film Festival, where the protagonists are young people and children. I wish you all a good Sunday. Please, do not forget to pray for me: I do so for you. Enjoy your lunch, and *arrivederci*.

Summary of the Holy Father's words

Dear brothers and sisters: In our catechesis on apostolic zeal, we have been reflecting on the example of those men and women of every time and place who devoted their lives to the spread of the Gospel. Today we turn to the distant continent of Oceania and the witness of Saint Mary MacKillop, a great educator and the foundress of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart. The daughter of Scottish immigrants, Mary discerned the great need for schooling among the children of the poverty-stricken rural communities of Australia. Together with the Sisters of her Congregation, she founded numerous schools throughout the country to care for spiritual and human formation of the young. Mary's great trust in God's providence and the power of the cross sustained her amid the inevitable trials she faced in her growing apostolate. As we give thanks for the enduring fruitfulness of her zeal for the Gospel, let us pray that her creative response to the needs of the Church of her time will inspire the efforts of today's parents, catechists and educators, as they strive to introduce young people to the beauty of friendship with Jesus and prepare them to be a leaven of the Gospel in today's rapidly changing society.

BIOGRAPHIES OF 21 NEWLY ELECT CARDINALS *By Vatican News*

Here are brief biographies of the Church's future cardinals.

Archbishop Robert Francis Prevost, 67, was born in Chicago, Illinois, U.S., on 14 September 1955. He entered the novitiate of the Order of Saint Augustine (OSA) in 1977, in the province of Our Lady of Good Counsel in St. Louis, and made his solemn vows on 29 August 1981. He studied at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, graduating with a degree in Theology. In 1988 he was sent to the mission of Trujillo as director of the common formation project for Augustinian aspirants from the Vicariates of Chulucanas, Iquitos, and Apurímac. There he served as community prior (1988-1992), formation director (1988-1998), and teacher of the professed (1992-1998). In the Archdiocese of Trujillo, he was judicial vicar (1989-1998), and professor of Canon Law, Patristics, and Morals in the San Carlos e San Marcelo Major Seminary. In 1999 he was elected prior provincial of the "Mother of Good Counsel" Province. After two and a half years, the Ordinary General Chapter elected him prior general, a ministry the Order entrusted to him again at the 2007 Ordinary General Chapter. On 3 November 2014, Pope Francis appointed him Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Chiclayo and on 7 November he was installed in the diocese. He was ordained Bishop of Chiclayo on 12 December 2014. On 15 April 2020, Pope Francis appointed him Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Callao. And in 2023, Pope Francis appointed him a Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops.

Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti was born in Verona in 1955, Archbishop Gugerotti joined the Pius Society of Don Nicola Mazza and was ordained a priest in 1982. At the Ca' Foscari University in Venice he received a degree in Oriental Languages and Literature, as well as a licentiate in liturgy at the Pontifical Athenaeum Sant'Anselmo and a doctorate in Oriental Ecclesiastical Sciences at the Pontifical Oriental Institute. Archbishop Gugerotti worked at the Congregation for Oriental Churches, starting in 1985. In 1997 Saint Pope John Paul II appointed him undersecretary of the Congregation. He was appointed an archbishop in 2002 and became Apostolic Nuncio of various countries where various Eastern Churches are located: 2002 in Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan; 2011 in Belarus; 2020 in Ukraine in 2015 and in 2020 in Great Britain. He has been Prefect of the Dicastery for Eastern Churches since January 2023.

Archbishop Víctor Manuel Fernández was born on 18 July 1962 in Alcira Gigena, in the province of Córdoba, Argentina. He was ordained a priest on 15 August 1986 for the diocese of Villa de la Concepción del Río Cuarto, Argentina. From 1993 to 2000 he was parish priest of *Santa Teresita* in Río Cuarto, Córdoba. He was the founder and director of the Institute for Lay Formation and the *Jesús Buen Pastor* Formation Centre for Teachers in the same city. In his diocese he was also a seminary formator, director for ecumenism and director for catechesis. In 2007 he participated in the Fifth Conference of Latin American Bishops (Aparecida) as a priest representing Argentina and later as a member of the drafting group for the final document. From 2008 to 2009 he was dean of the Faculty of Theology at the Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina and president of the Argentine Theological Society. From 2009 to 2018 he was rector of the Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina. On 13 May 2013 he was appointed archbishop by Pope Francis. He participated, as a member, in the 2014 and 2015 Synods of Bishops on the family, in which he was also part of the drafting groups. In the 2017 Assembly of the Episcopal Conference of Argentina, he was elected president of the Episcopal Commission for Faith and Culture (Doctrinal Commission). In June 2018 he assumed the office of archbishop of La Plata. He has been a member of the Pontifical Council for Culture and Consultor of the Congregation for Catholic Education. He is currently a member of the Dicastery for Culture and Education. He has published more than 300 books and scientific articles, many of which have been translated into various languages.

Archbishop Emil Paul Tscherrig was born in Unterems, Switzerland, on Feb. 3, 1947 and ordained to the priesthood on April 11, 1974. He received his doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical Gregorian University and was incardinated in the diocese of Sion, Switzerland. Pope John Paul II appointed him a member of the Holy See's diplomatic service in 1978, as secretary of the apostolic nunciature, serving in Uganda, South Korea, Mongolia and Bangladesh. As Apostolic Nuncio, he has served in Burundi (1996-2000), to Trinidad and Tobago, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Grenada, Guyana, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the Bahamas (2000-2004) and from 2001 also to Barbados, Antigua and Barbuda, Suriname and Saint Kitts and Nevis; South Korea and Mongolia (2004-2008); to the Nordic countries (Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway, 2008-2012); to Argentina (2012-2017); to Italy and San Marino, the first non-Italian to hold the post (2017-).

Archbishop Christophe Pierre was born on January 30, 1946 in Rennes, France. He completed his primary education in Antsirabé, Madagascar, and his secondary schooling in Saint-Malo, France, and in Marrakech, Morocco. He attended the Major Seminary of the Archdiocese of Rennes (1963-1969) and the Catholic Institute of Paris (1969-1971). After performing Military Service, he was ordained a priest on April 5, 1970, in Saint-Malo, France and incardinated in the Archdiocese of Rennes. He was Parochial Vicar of the St. Peter and St. Paul Parish in Colombes, Diocese of Nanterre, France (1970-1973). He has a Master in Sacred Theology (Paris, 1971) and a Doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Lateran University, Rome (1973-1977). He completed his studies at the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy, in Rome (1973-1977), and started his service in the Diplomatic Corps of the Holy See on March 5, 1977. He was appointed first to the Pontifical Representation in New Zealand and the Islands of the Pacific Ocean (1977-1981). Subsequently he served in Mozambique (1981); in Zimbabwe (1982-1986); in Cuba (1986-1989); in Brazil (1989-1991); at the Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland (1991-1995). He was elected Titular Archbishop of Gunela on July 12, 1995, and received the Episcopal Consecration on September 24, 1995, in Saint-Malo, France. Archbishop Christophe Pierre was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Haiti, on July 12, 1995, where he served until 1999. He has been the Apostolic Nuncio to Uganda (1999-2007) and then, the Apostolic Nuncio to Mexico (2007-2016). He was appointed as Apostolic Nuncio of the United States of America by His Holiness, Pope Francis on April 12, 2016.

Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa was born in Cologno al Serio (Bergamo) on 21 April 1965, son of Pietro and Maria Maddalena Tadini. He attended Secondary School at the Minor Seminary "Le Grazie" of Rimini and obtained his diploma in classical studies at the Archiepiscopal Seminary of Ferrara on June 1984. He received the Franciscan religious habit on September 5, 1984, in Ferrara (Santo Spirito) and spent the year of novitiate at the Franciscan Shrine of La Verna (Arezzo, Italy). He made his Temporary Profession in La Verna, on September 7, 1985, and his Solemn Profession on October 10, 1989, in the Church of St. Anthony in Bologna. On September 15, 1990, he was ordained priest in the cathedral church of Bologna, with the imposition of hands of Cardinal Giacomo Biffi. After spending one year in Rome, he was transferred to the Holy Land, in Jerusalem, in October 1990. From July 2, 1999, he formally entered in service to the Custody of the Holy Land. After his philosophical-theological studies, he obtained a licenciante in Biblical Theology at the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum of Jerusalem. His Beatitude Pizzaballa is the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem.

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)

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/LOL7Hills/>



LOURDES OVER 50s GROUP

Over 50s Meeting Thursday 10th August 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, 11th of August, 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>

FREE ZUMBA CLASSES

Every Tuesday and Thursday 5.30-6.30pm in the Hall.
Everyone Welcome!

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.

LOL PARISH CALENDAR

JULY		
27	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm
30	School Mass—Grandparents Day	9.30am
AUGUST		
2	Sacramental Meeting (Eucharist)	6.30pm
5	Sacramental Meeting (Eucharist) RPT	4.30pm
6	Mass & Eucharist Talk	9.30am

LOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

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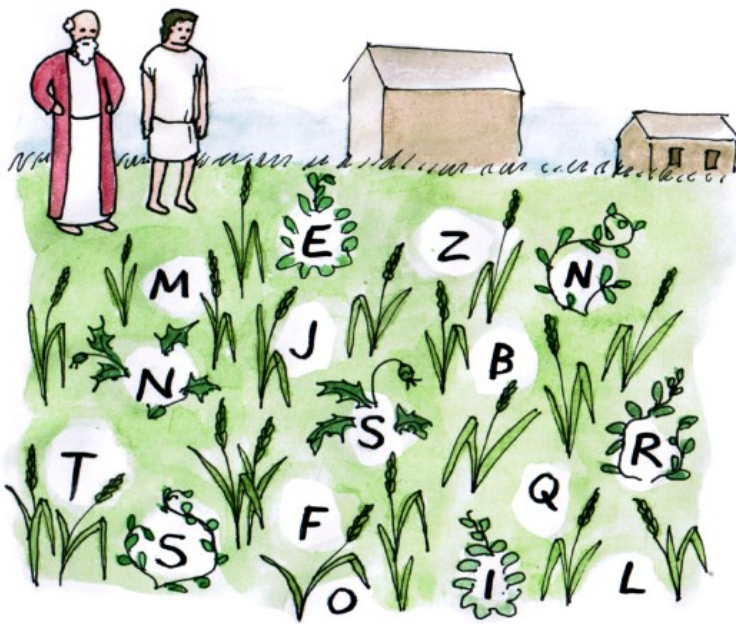
Acolytes	Vigil: Derick Soares 8am: Jane Seaman 9.30am: Sandy Manamperi
Ministers	Vigil: A. Do Rosario, R. Soares 8am: VOLUNTEER, E. Gartner 9.30am: P.Gow, S.Lenthall
Readers	Vigil: N. Do Rosario, C. Rodrigues 8am: J. Irudayaraj, A. McNally 9.30am: M.Aquino, VOLUNTEER
Altar Servers	Vigil: A. Laus, VOLUNTEERS 8am: S.Park, P.Park 9.30am: C.Attard, J.Kingston, A. Melki
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Couples for Christ
Flowers	Annette & Mary B
Church cleaning	26 July Jessie Borg Anne McNally
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Urge 8am: Joyce Hillbrick 9.30am: Lena Falzon

29/30 July 2023

Acolytes	Vigil: Frank Paiva 8am: Jerome Irudayaraj 9.30am: Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil: M.Mifsud, VOLUNTEER 8am: B.Motha, M.Santos 9.30am: G.Basili, M.Michael
Readers	Vigil: A.Punch, J. Sarmiento 8am: J. Cabasa, A.Joseph 9.30am: I.Epondulan, S.Manamperi
Altar Servers	Vigil: A. Bagatella, E.Reardon, B.Spadero 8am: VOLUNTEERS 9.30am: A.La Guidara, C.La Guidara
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	LOL School Parents
Flowers	Rani & Angela
Church cleaning	15 July Judith Deloso
Welcomers	Vigil: VOLUNTEER 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am: VOLUNTEER

The Kids' Bulletin

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23rd, 2023



What did the weeds in today's parable represent?
Find all the letters that are in the weeds and unscramble them to find out.

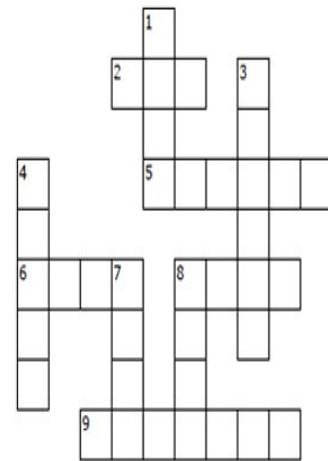


The weeds are any plant that doesn't look like this.

Word Search Puzzle

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

SOW	FIELD	GOOD	UPROOT	HARVEST
WHEAT	ENEMY	PULL	KINGDOM	SEED
PARABLE	HEAVEN	BURN	GROW	WEEDS



ACROSS

- To put seeds in the ground so that plants will grow
- Small, sharp, pointed growths on the stem of a plant
- Plants such as grain, vegetables, or fruit grown by farmers
- A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow
- Not deep

DOWN

- The part of a plant which grows down into the earth
- A person who owns or takes care of a farm
- Covered with stones
- A way made by or for people walking on the ground
- The upper layer of earth that may be dug or plowed and in which plants grow

PATH	CROP	SOIL	THORNS	ROOT
SHALLOW	FARMER	SEED	SOW	ROCKY

