

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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Let us Pray for the Sick

Leonila Ahillon, Mary Attard, Cynthia Avery, Barrie Chamberlain, Rosella Booth, Jock Clark Snr, Alfredo Fernandez, Shelley Firth, Gregory Fernando, Anthony Janicska, Ian & Irene Hall, Elizabeth Mifsud, Zeferino Jayson Morales, Carlos Moreno, Debra Price, Sue Tipaldo, 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: Christie Alwis, Mansour Ahmad, Ronald Bailey, Mary Bowie, John Soo Choon, Gladys Fernando, John Lionel, Joan Falzon, Vilma Flores, Alfredo Fernandez, Ranjan Fernando, Eugenia Kowalski, Joy Hayward, Jonathan Tek Kie, Angelita Mangahas, Solomon Morias, Anthony & Evangelista Micallef, Lyn Morrissey, Peter Nguyen, Mary Paz Novilla, Pacienza Piscopo, Gloria Reforma, Jill Smyth, Mercedes Yu, Maria Fely Sebastian, Joseph & Theresa Vella, Andrew Wisemantel, Daniella Zahra.

Anniversaries: Fredy Alphonse, Victor Azzopardi, Horace Baptist, Joseph Bartok, Elaine Bosen, Joseph Camenzuli, Mervyn Costello, Conchita Deloso, Antonia, Josephine Francis, Sheela Franklin, Charlie Gauci, Charlie Gravina, Bertu Mula, Jason Muscat, Denis Morrissey, Adele Moroney, Philippa & Jim Muscat, Alberto Nahoy, Ignacio Nonato Snr, Cordula Paiva, Adrian Pereira, Antonyne Pushparajan, John Ratnam, Cornelio & Iluminada Rondario, Sam Silvia, Caroline Susainathan, Melchor Usman.

Remembrance: Neil Amaratunga, Fe Abadiano, France Angseeing, Carmen Attard, Joseph Azzopardi, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Sam Borg, Lydia & Pascal Busac, Lina Cabaero, Cini-Mangion Family, Anacleto Dizon, Sam & Silvia Debatista, Melvyn Fernandes, Christine Gomez, Rita Leon, Selvan Irudayaraj, Harold, Rosine & Mark Lafleur, Sashin Patrick Manamperi, Deidre Matthews, Maureen & John Mead, Pauline Meilak, Mary Mifsud, Emilia & William Mifsud, Marcel Mohsen, Anton & Lourda Motha, Louis & Stephen Mula, Mary & Francis Muscat, Lakshman Pereira, John & Rosaline Ratnam, Barry, Paul & Marion Ryan, Tony Vassallo, Shane Vaz.

**Names are to be submitted to the Parish Office on or before a Thursday and will be published for 4 weeks at a time.*



THE PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Statue of Virgin Mary is available for home visitation and will reside with you for a week, being Sunday to Saturday. If you are wishing to participate, please leave your name and address with the Parish Office.

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

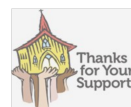
On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you very much for your ongoing support, which has been absolutely vital in keeping our Parish going strong. Projects completed include the Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting, Parish Office and Meeting Room Roof painted, Church roof cleaned and ceiling repaired and painted.

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.
BSB: 067 950
ACC: 000552
Reference: (Your *Planned Giving envelope number* or for a one off donation, 'DONATION')

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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

FIRST READING A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord **(R.)**

3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

SECOND READING A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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,

In Jesus' time, the chief priests and the elders were highly regarded and looked up by the community, since the chief priests were thought as holier than anyone else for their central role as presiders at worship services on Jewish holy days, teachers of Judaism, and protectors of the Jewish law. The elders were highly respected for their wisdom as key members of the town council, also known as the Sanhedrin, the

city's main governing body.

On the other hand, the prostitutes and the tax collectors were the opposite, for they were considered as public sinners deserved nothing but condemnation from the chief priests and the elders, and the rest of the community.

In the Gospel this Sunday Jesus has a go at the chief priests and the elders and exalts the prostitutes and the tax collectors, whom he did not mind to associate with and sit down to accompany for a meal.

Through the parable of the father and the two sons in the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus seems to compare the chief priests and the elders with the second son who was quick to say yes to his father, and then did nothing. For they from the outside look and sound like experts in the areas of worship and religious law, but their hearts are far away from God due to their hypocritical lives, like tombs that look beautiful in appearance, but inside are filled with dead bones (cf. Mt 23.27), while the prostitutes and tax collectors tend to take the first son's approach, for they accept His teaching, and John's, then reformed their lives accordingly.

The chief priests and the elders, of course, were very angry with Jesus, because Jesus dared to put them down, and gave the prostitutes and the tax collectors the place of honor. The chief priests and the elders would never forgive Jesus for such a thing, and they began to find ways to get rid of him, and Jesus' Passion later on was the outcome of their revenge.

Let us pray today for the courage to help us to stay away from the wrong path of the chief priests and the elders, and the grace to grow better and better as good children of God, who are willing to embrace and do God's will.

Have a God-pleasing week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

DISPLAY OF OUR RECENT SURVEY

From this weekend, we begin to display the result of our recent survey for the diocesan synod in the church. This week we continue with question 6 dealing with the issue of how we can support those who happen to struggle in faith matters.

LOURDES PLAYGROUP IS BACK!

From the 13th of October, every Friday during school term, 9.30am—11.30am in the Parish Meeting Room, children aged 0 to 5 years old and their carers are welcome to come along during that time for a play, chat and cuppa in a fun, friendly environment! This is also great way to meet other potential OLOL school families although ALL ARE WELCOME. If you would like further information, please contact Maria Hosni 0432 174 056 or the Parish Office.

ZUMBA CLASSES

Zumba Classes will be returning to 6pm on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Everyone Welcome!

PARISH BIN ROSTER - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are seeking volunteers to assist 4 times a year to place the Parish bins on the kerbside (Grantham Road) once a week on Tuesday. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help out. *Thank you.*

CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF OUR FIRST-EVER SYNOD!

The Social Justice Group invites all members of the faithful young and young at heart to celebrate the beginning of the first-ever Diocesan Synod at LIFTED Live in the Forecourt: Bridge to the Synod on Thursday the 12th of October at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 6.30pm. You are invited to celebrate with live music, prayer, stalls, games and more!

REPORT FROM OUR LAST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Pastoral Council was convened last Wednesday and we started with a reading of the Position paper called 'What Lies Behind the First Ever Synod of the Diocese of Parramatta' prepared by Fr Paul Marshall for our diocesan synod, followed by a lively discussion. His paper reminded us of various issues our local Church has been facing and the opportunity for us to renew the Church as a whole and this parish community in particular. His quote from Bernard Franck, I think, is essential for our synodal process, that we need to collaborate, co-operate, accept, welcome, give and receive. These words I used to hear Bishop Bede Heather repeated again and again to our clergy while he was still in charge of the diocese. They suddenly disappeared for a long time and now begin to make a comeback thanks to Pope Francis' initiative

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CATECHIST GROUP

Due to circumstances, lot of our current catechists have to take a break and we therefore urgently need others to replace. If you can spare an hour per week plus a few hours of preparation for the class, please consider to join this ministry by contacting our Parish Office. You will receive lot of support, such as training and materials for the ministry to nurture the faith of children at public schools.

WESTMEAD HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED

Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion or People trained for home visitations of the sick are needed to take Holy Communion to the Sick at Westmead Hospital on Sunday morning between 9.00am and 11.00am, on a roster basis once every eight weeks. This is not a difficult ministry but a very important and rewarding one. Assistance will be provided to volunteers before they commence visitations to the sick in the hospital wards. For further details please contact Jessie Borg 0404 355 494

DIOCESAN NEWS

Week 8 of the Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod

This Sunday 1 October is the beginning of Week 8 of the Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod. Join the whole Diocesan community in continuing to pray for our first Diocesan Synod in the lead-up to the Synod Assembly: Friday 13 to Sunday 15 October. You are invited to pray once a week as a parish community, with your family, ministry groups or during personal prayer. More information: <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>

Season of Creation: 1 September – 4 October

The Season of Creation is an ecumenical celebration and this year's theme is, '*Let Justice and Peace Flow*'. It starts on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and ends on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October. In his message for this year's World Day of Prayer for Creation, Pope Francis reminds us that the next chapter in the Church's synodal journey will begin at the conclusion of the Season of Creation. He hopes that this synodal journey will foster deeper communion enriched by greater dialogue. To learn more, please contact our Peace, Justice and Ecology team via met@parracatholic.org

Catholic Care Circle of Security Education Program: Starts 11 October

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains is running an online parenting series via Zoom for parents or caregivers of children from birth to 18 to make sense of what your child is really asking from you, and how to strengthen the parent-child relationship. The sessions will run each Wednesday from 10am to 12.30pm from 11 October to 29 November. The cost is \$105, with discount or free training offers available to eligible families. To register and for enquiries, please call (02) 8843 2500 or email enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au

Catholic Care Keeping Kids in Mind Education Program: Starts 16 October

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, in partnership with CatholicCare Broken Bay, CatholicCare Sydney and CatholicCare Wollongong, are running a five-week online program via Zoom on supporting children following family separation. The course begins with a pre-session on 16 October from 6pm to 7pm, with a session each Monday from 6pm to 8.45pm from 23 October to 20 November. The cost is \$10 for workbooks and minimum postage fees. All participants must participate in a pre-group interview. For enquiries, please contact (02) 8843 2500 or email enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au

Masterclass for Sponsor Married Couples: 19 October

The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married. Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Thursday 19 October at 7.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Sponsoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. To book your attendance in-person or via Zoom or further questions, please email marriage@parracatholic.org or phone Marisa on (02) 8838 3460.

MET Natural Fertility Creighton Model System Information Session: 21 October

Are you looking for help to track your fertility cycle? Come and explore a Natural, Effective, Healthy and Scientific approach to approach to achieve/space/avoid pregnancy or monitor a woman's health. Engaged and married couples, single women and those wanting to know more about their menstrual cycles are welcome to attend. If you'd like to learn the Creighton Model FertilityCare System, this free session (valued at \$125) and gives you all the information you need to be ready for Session 2. To register and receive your Zoom link or more information, contact Catherine Bourne via catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or 0400 427 605.

Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: 29 October

The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 29 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at marriage@parracatholic.org or phone (02) 8838 3460 by 20 October. Family and friends are welcome.

Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died, and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water, and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at www.caritas.org.au

Missionaries of God's Love Made Free Creative Retreat: 20 – 22 October

Join the MGL Sisters in a weekend retreat that explores a range of creative prayer experiences. Recapture the freedom you were made for, let go of what is burdening you, and let God fill you again with life.
Venue: Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/CFBRD> (by 6 October)
Contact: Judy - mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com

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

Soul Food Podcast – Mission Enhancement Team

Do you find life & faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others?

The Mission Enhancement Team's *Soul Food Podcast* features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: <https://pfparra.org.au/soulfood/>

Positions Vacant:

- Prevention, Healing and Support Specialist – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 13 October 2023**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS

Dear brothers and sisters, *buongiorno!*

Today's Gospel presents us a surprising parable: the master of a vineyard goes out from the first dawn until evening to call in some workers, but in the end, he pays everyone equally, even those who have only worked one hour (cf. *Mt* 20:1-16). It would seem an injustice, but the parable is not to be read through wage criteria; rather, it intends to show us the criteria of God, who does not calculate our merits, but loves us as children.

Let us look more closely at two divine actions that emerge from the story. First, *God goes out at all hours to call us*; second, *He repays everyone with the same "coin"*.

First, God is He who *goes out at all hours to call us*. The parable says that the master "went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard" (v. 1), but then continues to go out at various times of the day until sunset, to look for those whom no one had yet taken to work. We thus understand that in the parable the workers are not only men, but above all God, who goes out all day without tiring. This is how God is: He does not wait for our efforts to come to us, He does not make an examination to assess our merits before seeking us out, He does not give up if we are late in responding to Him; on the contrary, He Himself has taken the initiative and in Jesus has "come out"-to us, to show us His love. And He seeks us at all hours of the day, which, as Saint Gregory the Great states, represent the different stages and seasons of our life up to old age (cf. *Homilies on the Gospel*, 19). For His heart, it is never too late; He is always looking for us and waiting for us. Let us not forget this: the Lord always seeks us and awaits us, always!

Precisely because He is so big-hearted, *God* – this is the second action – *repays everyone with the same "coin"*, which is his love. Here is the ultimate meaning of the parable: the labourers of the final hour are paid like the first because, in reality, God's is a superior justice. It goes further. Human justice says to "give to each his own according to what he deserves", while God's justice does not measure love on the scales of our returns, our performance or our failures: God just loves us, He loves us because we are his children, and He does so with an unconditional love, a freely-given love.

Brothers and sisters, sometimes we risk having a "mercantile" relationship with God, focusing more on our prowess than on the generosity of his grace. Sometimes even as the Church, instead of going out at all hours of the day and extending our arms to all, we can feel like the first in our class, judging others far away, without thinking that God loves them too with the same love He has for us. And even in our relationships, which are the fabric of society, the justice we practise sometimes fails to break out of the cage of calculation, and we limit ourselves to giving according to what we receive, without daring to go the extra mile, without counting on the effectiveness of good done freely and love offered with a broad heart. Brothers, sisters, let us ask ourselves: do I, a Christian, know how to go out towards others? Am I generous towards everyone, do I know how to give that extra understanding and forgiveness, as Jesus has done and does every day with me?

May Our Lady help us to convert to God's measure: that of a love without measure.

After the Angelus

Dear brothers and sisters!

Today is World Day of Migrants and Refugees, on the theme: "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay", to recall that to migrate should be a free choice, and never the only one possible. Indeed, the right to migrate has now become an obligation for many, whereas there ought to exist the right to not emigrate, to remain in one's own country. It is necessary for every man and woman to be guaranteed the right to live a dignified life in the society in which they find themselves.

Unfortunately, poverty, wars and the climate crisis force so many people to flee. Therefore, we are all required to create communities that are ready and open to welcome, promote, accompany and integrate those who knock on our doors.

This challenge was at the centre of the *Rencontres Méditerranéennes*, which took place in recent days in Marseille, and in whose concluding session I participated yesterday, travelling to the city, a crossroads of peoples and cultures.

I give special thanks to the bishops of the Italian Episcopal Conference who do everything they can to help our migrant brothers and sisters. We have just heard Archbishop Baturi on television, in the programme "*A Sua Immagine*" explaining this.

I greet you all, Romans and pilgrims from Italy and many countries, in particular the *Redemptoris Mater* international diocesan seminary of Cologne, in Germany. Likewise I greet the group of people affected by the rare disease known as ataxia, with their family members.

I renew my invitation to participate in the ecumenical prayer vigil, entitled "*Together*", which will take place on this coming Saturday 30 September in Saint Peter's Square, in preparation for the Synodal Assembly which will begin on 4 October.

Let us recall beleaguered Ukraine, and pray for this people that is suffering so much.

I wish you all a good Sunday.

Please, do not forget to pray for me. Enjoy your lunch, and *arrivederci!*



POPE FRANCIS' RECENT INTERVIEW By Vatican News *In his conversation with journalists on the flight back from Mongolia, Pope Francis addresses various topics, including the upcoming Synod General Assembly, and reiterates that his recent remarks to young Russian Catholics was an invitation for them not to forget their cultural heritage.* Pope Francis held his traditional inflight press conference on Monday with journalists traveling with him on the papal plane returning to Rome from Mongolia. He took questions on several topics, beginning with a question from a journalist from the host nation of his 43rd Apostolic Journey. *Here follows a working English transcription and translation of the press conference:*

Fausto Gasparroni (ANSA) *Your Holiness, your recent remarks to young Russian Catholics about "great mother Russia", the legacy of figures such as Peter the Great and Catherine II have spurred some discussion. These comments have greatly irritated, for example, Ukrainians, have also had diplomatic consequences, and have been seen to some extent as almost an exaltation of Russian imperialism and a sort of endorsement even of Putin's policies. I wanted to ask you: why did you feel the need to make these remarks, if you had reflected on the opportunity of making them, if you would repeat them? And also, just to make things clear. can you tell us what you think of imperialism and in particular of Russian imperialism?* Let's talk about the context: it was a dialogue with young Russians. And at the end of the dialogue, I gave them a message, a message that I always repeat: to take responsibility for their legacy. First point: take on your legacy. I say the same thing everywhere. And with this in mind, I try to create a dialogue between grandparents and grandchildren: that the grandchildren take on their legacy. I say this everywhere, and that was the message. A second point, to clarify what I mean with legacy: I mentioned the idea of great Russia, because the Russian legacy is very good; it is very beautiful. Think about the field of literature, of music, going back to Dostoevsky, who today speaks to us of mature humanism. (Russia) took charge this humanism, which developed in the arts and literature. This would be a second aspect when I spoke of legacy, wouldn't it? The third point, perhaps, wasn't appropriate, but speaking of great Russia not so much in a geographical sense, but in a cultural sense, I remembered what we were taught at school: Peter I, Catherine II. And this third (point, ed.) came up, which maybe wasn't quite right. I don't know. Let the historians tell us. But it was an additional note that came to my mind because I had studied it at school. What I told young Russians is to take charge of their legacy, to take on their legacy, which means not to buy it elsewhere. Take on your legacy. And what legacy did great Russia leave? Russian culture is of a great beauty, and depth, and should not be cancelled for political issues. There have been dark years in Russia, but its legacy has always remained intact. Then you spoke about imperialism, and I wasn't thinking of imperialism when I said that. I spoke of culture, and the transmission of culture is never imperial, never. It's always dialogue, and I was talking about that. It's true that there are imperialisms that want to impose their ideology. I'll stop here: when culture is distilled and turned into ideology, it's poison. Culture is used, but distilled into ideology. We must distinguish the culture of a people from the ideologies that then appear from some philosopher, some politician of that people. And I say this for everyone, also for the Church. Within the Church there are often ideologies, which separate the Church from the life that comes from the root and goes upwards. They separate the Church from the influence of the Holy Spirit. An ideology is incapable of incarnation; it is only an idea. But when ideology gathers strength and becomes politics, it usually becomes a dictatorship, right? It becomes an incapacity to dialogue, to move forward with cultures. And imperialisms do this. Imperialism always consolidates starting from an ideology. In the Church too we must distinguish doctrine from ideology: true doctrine is never ideological, never. It is rooted in God's holy faithful people. Instead, ideology is detached from reality, detached from the people. I don't know if I answered to your question.

Robert Messner (DPA) *Good morning. A question regarding your update of Laudato si': can it be understood as a demonstration of sympathy with environmental activists like "The Last Generation", which organize highly demonstrative protests? Maybe there is also a message in this update for young activists taking to the streets? Generally speaking, I don't touch on these extremists. But young people are concerned. A good Italian scientist we had a meeting at the Academy delivered a good speech and concluded saying: "I wouldn't want my grand-daughter, who was born yesterday, to live in such an ugly world in thirty years' time." Young people think about the future. And in that sense, I like that they fight well. But when ideology is involved, or political pressure is involved or it is used for this, it fails. My Apostolic Exhortation will be released on the feastday of Saint Francis, 4 October, and it is a review of what has happened since the COP in Paris, which has perhaps been the most fruitful to date. There is some news about some COPs and about some things that haven't been resolved yet, and there is an urgency to solve them. It is not as big as the *Laudato si'*, but is a continuation of *Laudato si'* on new things, and is also an analysis of the situation.*

Etienne Lorailière (KTO TV) *You would like a synodal Church in Mongolia and throughout the world. The October assembly is already fruit of the work of the people of God. How can the baptized from all over the world be involved in this phase? How can ideological polarization be avoided? And will the participants be able to speak and share publicly what they are experiencing to allow for walking together with them? Or will the whole process be private?* You spoke about how to avoid ideological pressure. There is no place for ideology in the Synod, as it is a different dynamic. The Synod is about dialogue: among the baptized, among members of the Church, on the life of the Church, on dialogue with the world, on the problems that affect humanity today. But when one thinks (of undertaking) an ideological path, the Synod is over. There is no place for ideology at the Synod, there is space for dialogue. Talking with each other, as brothers and sisters, and discussing the doctrine of the Church. Moving forward. Then I want to underscore that synodality is not my invention: it was Saint Paul VI. When the Second Vatican Council ended, he realized that in the West the Church had lost the synodal dimension; the Eastern Church still has it. For this reason, he created the Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops, which in these sixty years has carried forward reflection in a synodal way as an ongoing progress, moving forward. When it was the fiftieth anniversary of this decision of Saint Paul VI, I signed and published a document on what the Synod is and how it has moved forward. And now it has gone forward; it has matured more, and for this reason I thought it would be very good to have a Synod on synodality, which is not a trend; it is an ancient reality; the Eastern Church has always had it. But how do we live synodality, and live it as Christians, as I said before, without giving in to ideologies. On the process of the assembly: there is one thing that we must safeguard, the synodal atmosphere. This is not a television show where you talk about everything. No. There is a religious moment; there is a moment of religious exchange. In the synodal introductions, they will speak for three to four minutes each: three (speeches, ed.) and then there will be three to four minutes of silence for prayer. Then three more, and prayer. Without this spirit of prayer there is no synodality; it becomes politics and parliamentarianism. The Synod is not a parliament. Regarding the privacy of discussions: there is a department headed by Dr. Ruffini, who is here, and who will issue press releases regarding the Synod progress. In a Synod, it is necessary to safeguard religiosity and safeguard the freedom of those who speak. For this there will be a commission, chaired by Dr. Ruffini, which will provide information on the progress of the Synod. (TO BE CONTINUED)

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/>

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 the parish office to organise a meeting with Fr Henry. 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. Names will be published for 4 weeks at a time.



LOURDES OVER 50s GROUP

Over 50s Meeting Thursday 12th October 10.30am-1pm.
Please bring a plate for a shared lunch.
Look forward to seeing you there.

Lourdes: Luminate Young Adults Group

The next group night is Friday, 13th of October, 2023 6:45-9:30pm in the Parish Hall. If you would like more information please contact Ian Epondulan: youtholol7h@gmail.com

LOURDES PLAYGROUP

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish playgroup is a fun playtime for children aged 0 to 5 years old and their carers. It is held every Friday morning during school terms 9.30am-11.30am in the Parish Meeting Room. For further information please contact Maria Hosni 0432 174 056 or the Parish Office.

FREE ZUMBA CLASSES

Every Tuesday and Thursday 6.00pm-7.00pm in the Hall. Everyone Welcome!

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

OCTOBER

11	OLOL School Term 4 Starts	
11	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
12	Over 50's Group Meeting	10.30am
13	Lourdes Playgroup	9.30am
13	Lourdes Luminate Young Adults Group Meeting	6.45pm
15	Children's Liturgy Mass	9.30am

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

30 / 1 October 2023

Acolytes	Vigil: Daniel La Guidara 8am: Eugene Mui 9.30am Eugene Mui	
Ministers	Vigil: A. Bellissimo, L. La Guidara 8am: A. McNally, S. Nemorin 9.30am: P.Gow, M.Michael	
Readers	Vigil: L. Bellissimo, M. Simic 8am: A.Joseph, M.Santos 9.30am: S. Manamperi, A.Walker	
Altar Servers	Vigil: A. La Guidara, C. La Guidara, J. Martinez 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am : L.Culili, VOLUNTEER	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Tongan Choir	
Musicians	Vigil: Youth for Christ 8am: Fr. Henry 9.30am: Couples for Christ	
Flowers	Fennie & Rani	
Church cleaning	7 Oct	Tongan Community
Welcomers	Vigil: VOLUNTEER 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain	

7/8 October 2023

Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am Ryan Epondulan	
Ministers	Vigil: M. Mifsud, F. Paiva 8am: F. Balatbat, E. Gartner 9.30am: J. Irudayaraj, S. Lenthall	
Readers	Vigil: N. Do Rosario, J. Sarmiento 8am: P. Ferriols, K.Walker 9.30am: M. Aquino, A. Hye Rin Han	
Altar Servers	Vigil: E.Reardon, L.Sadipoor, B.Spadaro 8am: VOLUNTEERS 9.30am : S.Culili, J.Kingston, F.Wanandy	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults Group	
Musicians	Vigil: OFS Choir 8am: Fr. Henry 9.30am: Tongan Choir	
Flowers	Fenty & Liz	
Church cleaning	14 Oct	Judith Deloso
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am: VOLUNTEER	

The Kids' Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1st, 2023

In today's Gospel parable, a father asked his two sons to work in the vineyard.

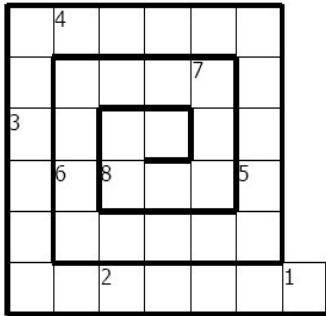
Which one did what his father asked?

Use every second letter to fill in the blanks and find out the answer!



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1. To perform a job or task
2. To have an opinion or idea about something
3. An adult male
4. To think that something is true or correct
5. A male parent
6. A statement proven or accepted as accurate
7. A person's male children
8. The number following one

THINK	MAN	TRUTH	BELIEVE
FATHER	WORK	TWO	SONS



2nd SON

The Parable of the Two Sons

"Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Matthew 21:31 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.

1. An adult male
A. sister B. father C. son D. man
2. The number following one
A. three B. four C. five D. two
3. A person's male children
A. daughters B. cousins C. sons D. fathers
4. To have an opinion or idea about something
A. think B. work C. truth D. sons
5. A male parent
A. father B. mother C. sister D. brother
6. To perform a job or task
A. work B. think C. truth D. believe
7. A statement proven or accepted as accurate
A. think B. truth C. work D. hope
8. To think that something is true or correct
A. believe B. hope C. work D. answer



Draw yourself doing something that God wants of you.