

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, Gregory Fernando, Shelley Firth, Anthony Janicska, Elizabeth Mifsud, Carlos Moreno, Zeferino Jayson Morales, 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, Joy Hayward, Jonathan Tek Kie, Eugenia Kowalski, Angelita Mangahas, Anthony & Evangelista Micallef, Solomon Morias, Lyn Morrissey, Josephine Muscat, Peter Nguyen, Mary Paz Novilla, John O'Rourke, Pacienza Piscopo, Gloria Reforma, Jill Smyth, Mercedes Yu, Maria Fely Sebastian, Joseph & Theresa Vella, Daniella Zahra.

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

Remembrance: Neil Amaratunga, Fe Abadiano, France Angseeing, Cynthia Avery, Joseph Azzopardi, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Sam Borg, Lydia & Pascal Busac, Lina Cabaero, Cini-Mangion Family, Anacleto Dizon, Melvyn Fernandes, Constance Gaycroft, Sam & Mary Galea, Christine Gomez, Selvan Irudayaraj, Harold, Rosine & Mark Lafleur, Rita Leon, Sashin Patrick Manamperi, Deidre Matthews, Maureen & John Mead, Pauline Meilak, Mary Mifsud, Emilia & William Mifsud, Marcel Mohsen, Anton & Lourda Motha, Louis & Stephen Mula, Felix & Adriana Muscat, Michelle Muscat, 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

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BSB: 067 950
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SECOND COLLECTION or Planned Giving Program

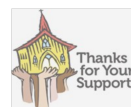
On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you very much for your ongoing support, which has been absolutely vital in keeping our Parish going strong. Projects completed include the Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting, Parish Office and Meeting Room Roof painted, Church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

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

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BSB: 067 950
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FIRST READING A reading from the prophet Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

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| 1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.) | 3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.) |
| 2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.) | 4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and
we shall be saved. (R.) |

SECOND READING A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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 the Gospel today Jesus continues his dialogue with the chief priests and the elders, to whom he sent out a stern message last Sunday that the tax collectors and the prostitutes were making their way into God's Kingdom thanks to their heartfelt conversion, meanwhile they will have to face an eternal elimination from it due their stubbornness.

This time he charges them for maltreating the prophets, stoning them and showing no respect even to himself the Son of God by killing him. He warns them that they have to pay a hefty price for their wicked acts with a dispossession of the kingdom of God, and their position as God's chosen people shall be replaced by a new people spiritually active and productive.

Jesus makes his points against these traditional opponents of his through a story about a landowner and his vineyard, his son, the tenants and a new people. These characters, as we know, symbolize God and his kingdom, Jesus himself the Son of God, the prophets, and Jesus' followers from all over the world known as the gentiles.

Alarmingly, Jesus' last words in the Gospel this Sunday serve as a warning not just for the chief priests and the elders of old, but for us today, too, his new chosen people, that unless we keep on renewing our faith and making it to bear fruits through our good works, we might have to be faced with the loss of our place in the kingdom of God.

Let us pray today for the grace to keep us strong in our faith in the Son of God and ready to bear witness to him through our concrete works bearing the marks of Jesus' teaching of love, mercy and forgiveness.

Have a faith-filled week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

HSC MASS

Congratulations to all students in our parish doing the HSC this year. Pray that you will enter these important exams with confidence and achieve your goals. May the Lord fill you with his strength and wisdom.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

All members of our Parish Pastoral council are invited to attend our monthly meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th October in the Parish meeting room.

DISPLAY OF OUR RECENT SURVEY

From this weekend, we continue to display the categorised result of our recent survey for the diocesan synod thanks to the help of Artificial Intelligence, starting with question 1 about the Church mission. It is so extraordinary and worth to have a look.

LOURDES: LUMINATE YOUNG ADULTS GROUP NIGHT

All are welcome to join us Friday the 13th of October 2023 from 6:45pm in the Parish Hall featuring guest speaker Simon Carrington from Fire Up Ministries. For further information contact: Ian Epondulan -youthlol7h@gmail.com
Instagram/Facebook: @lol7hills/Lourdes7HillsYoungAdults

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

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.*

WORD OF THANKS TO SANDY MANAMPERI

On behalf of the parish, I would like to thank Sandy for helping to co-ordinate our Catechists group in the last many months. May the Lord bless her for her tireless labours to bring the Good News to children at various public schools in our parish. Due to the needs of our community, we have a new group called Evangelisation group to cater for Catechists works and other Evangelisation needs.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 15th OCTOBER

All children from 5 yrs up are invited to join in the Children's Liturgy at next Sunday's 9.30am Mass on the 15th of October.



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.

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.

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!

DIOCESAN NEWS

Week 9 of the Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod

This Sunday 8 October is the beginning of Week 9 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/>

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A special Healing Mass with guest, Fr John Iacono C.S at Holy Name of Mary Parish, Rydalmere, Friday 13 October.

Everyone, of all ages, are welcome and invited to receive the healing power of God. There will be confession, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, a candlelight procession, documentary of the life of Fr. John, and the celebration of Holy Mass. Clergy who wish to concelebrate the Mass are asked to bring white vestments. For attendance purposes, if you could kindly RSVP to admin@holymary.org.au, that would be greatly appreciated.

World Rosary Day

All Catholics around the world are invited to pray the Holy Rosary together on Friday, October 13 at 3:00pm (Sydney time). The date marks the 106th Anniversary of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to three children. Please visit this website: worldrosaryhour.com

Spring | Season of Creation 2023 Catholic Outlook Magazine out now!

The Spring | Season of Creation 2023 edition of the *Catholic Outlook Magazine* – the news and views of the Diocese of Parramatta – is out now! In this edition, we welcome home our World Youth Day pilgrims and we ground ourselves spiritually and environmentally in this Season of Creation. Pick up your free copy from parishes and offices across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains today or read it online via catholicoutlook.org/magazine

(CO) Season of Creation Weekly Zoom

Join Peace, Justice & Ecology for an hour on Thursdays during Season of Creation as we ponder, discuss, and pray through Pope Francis' call to World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Message from Pope Francis. For more information, please email met@parracatholic.org.au.

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

Ministry of Communion to Sick & Dying Workshop: 21 October

On Saturday the 21st of October we will be offering an ongoing formation session for Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying. It will be held from 9:30am until 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown.) Morning tea and lunch will be provided. We have limited spaces available so please RSVP to Mary by the 16th of October at Mary.gale@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

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

125th Anniversary Cathedral Organ Concert: 12 November

St. Patrick's Cathedral Organists, Choir and Guest Performers will present an array of performances at a Gala Concert to celebrate the 125th anniversary of St. Patrick's Cathedral Organ. The Concert will be held on Sunday 12 November, 2023 from 3pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Tickets can be purchased via this link <https://www.trybooking.com/CLUFN> or at the door. For more information contact Hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

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,

Today, the Gospel speaks about two sons. Their father asks them to go to work in the vineyard (cf. Mt 21:28-32). One of them responds "yes", right away, but then does not go. The other, says "no", but then repents and goes.

What is there to say about the behaviour of these two? What quickly comes to mind is that going to work in the vineyard requires sacrifice, and sacrifice costs. This doesn't come naturally, even with the beauty of knowing they are sons and heirs. But the problem here is not so much connected that they resist going to work in the vineyard, as much as their *sincerity*, or lack thereof, with their father and with themselves. Even though neither of the sons behaves impeccably, one lies, while the other makes a mistake but remains sincere.

Let us look at the son who says "yes", but then does not go. He does not want to do the father's will, but neither does he want to get into a discussion or talk about it. Thus, he hides behind a "yes", behind a false willingness that hides his laziness and he saves face for the time being. He is a hypocrite. He gets by without conflict, but he cheats and deceives his father, disrespecting him in a way that is worse than had he responded with a blunt "no". The problem with someone who behaves like this is that he or she is not a *sinner*, but is *corrupt* because they lie with no difficulty to cover up and disguise their disobedience without welcoming any honest dialogue or feedback.

The other son, instead, who said "no" but then went, is sincere. He is not perfect, but sincere. Certainly, it would have been nice to hear him say "yes" right away. That did not happen, but at least he shows his reluctance clearly and, in a certain sense, courageously. That is, he takes responsibility for his behaviour and acts out in the open. Then, with this basic honesty, he ends up questioning himself until he understands he has made a mistake and retraces his steps. He is a *sinner*, we could say, but he is not *corrupt*. Pay close attention to this: this son is a sinner, but he is not corrupt. And there is always the hope of redemption for a sinner; for the corrupt, instead, it is much more difficult. In fact, the corrupt person's false "yesses", elegant but hypocritical façades and habitual false pretenses, are like a thick "rubber wall", behind which to take cover from qualms of conscience. And these hypocrites do so much evil! Brothers and sisters, sinners yes – all of us are – corrupt no! Sinners yes, corrupt no!

Let us look at ourselves now and, in the light of all this, ask ourselves some questions. When faced with the difficulty to live an honest and generous life, to dedicate myself to the will of the Father, am I willing to say "yes" each day, even if it costs? And when I fail, am I sincere before God about my difficulties, my failings, my weaknesses? And when I say "no", do I turn around after? Do we speak with the Lord about this? When I make a mistake, am I willing to repent and retrace my steps? Or do I pretend everything is okay and go through life wearing a mask, concerning myself only about appearing good and righteous? Finally, am I a sinner, like everyone, or is there something corrupt in me? Do not forget: sinners yes, corrupt no.

May Mary, mirror of holiness, help us be sincere Christians.

After the Angelus

Dear brothers and sisters,

Yesterday, Father Giuseppe Beotti, killed in hatred of the faith in 1944, was beatified in Piacenza. He was a pastor according to the heart of Christ who did not hesitate to give his life to protect the flock entrusted to him. A round of applause for the new blessed!

In these days, I am following the tragic situation of the displaced people in Nagorno-Karabakh. I renew my appeal for dialogue between Azerbaijan and Armenia, and hope that talks between the parties, with the support of the international community, might foster a lasting agreement to bring the humanitarian crisis to an end. I assure you of my prayers for the victims of the explosion in the fuel depot that occurred near the city of Stepanakert.

Today begins the month of October, the month of the *Rosary* and of the *missions*. I encourage everyone to experience the beauty of praying the Rosary, contemplating the mysteries of Christ with Mary and invoking her intercession for the needs of the Church and of the world. Let us pray for peace in battered Ukraine and in all those lands wounded by war. Let us pray for the evangelization of peoples. And let us also pray for the Synod of Bishops during this month in which the first Assembly on the theme of synodality in the Church takes place.

Today is the feast of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, the Little Flower, the saint of confidence, the saint of confidence in ourselves. This coming 15 October, an Apostolic Exhortation on her message will be published. Let us pray to Saint Thérèse and to Our Lady: may Saint Thérèse help us have confidence and to work for the missions.

I greet all of you, people from Rome and pilgrims from Italy and from many countries. In particular, I greet the group from the Shrine of Our Lady of Revelation from Three Fountains in Rome, the faithful from a parish in Catania, the confirmation candidates from Porto Sant'Elpidio, the scouts from Afragola and the confraternities from Arcieri Storici and the Knights of Saint Sebastian. I extend a thought and encouragement to the National Association of Women who have had Breast Operations. As you can see, beside me today are five children who represent the five continents. I would like to announce along with them that on the afternoon of November 6, in Paul VI Hall, I will meet with children from all over the world. "Let us learn from boys and girls" is the theme for this event, sponsored by the Dicastery for Culture and Education. It will be a meeting that will manifest the dream each of us has: to retrieve the pure sentiments of children for the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like children. Children teach us how to be transparent in relationships, how to spontaneously welcome those who are strangers, and how to respect all of creation. Dear children, I too look forward to learning from all of you!

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

POPE FRANCIS' RECENT INTERVIEW

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.

By Vatican News

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:

Antonio PELAYO (Vida Nueva)

Holy Father, you have just spoken about the Synod and we all agree with you that this Synod has generated much curiosity and much interest. Unfortunately, it has also brought forth much criticism from Catholic realities. I refer (now) to a book with a prologue by Cardinal Burke who says that the Synod is a Pandora's box from which all calamities for the Church will come. What do you think of this position? Do you think it will be overcome by reality or could (this view) influence the Synod?

I don't know if I've already said this before. A few months ago, I called a Carmelite. "How are the nuns doing, Mother Superior?" She was a non-Italian Carmelite. And the prioress answered me. And she finally said to me: "Your Holiness, we are afraid with this Synod." "Now what's going on?" I said jokingly. "Do you want to send a sister to the Synod?" "No, we are afraid you are going to change doctrine." And this is what she was saying, she had this idea...

But if you go to the root of these ideas, you will find ideologies. Always, when one wants to detach from the path of communion in the Church, what always pulls it apart is ideology. And they accuse the Church of this or that, but they never make an accusation of what is true: (it is made up of) sinners. They never speak of sin ... They defend a "doctrine", a doctrine like distilled water that has no taste and is not true Catholic doctrine, that is, in the Creed. And that very often scandalizes. How scandalous is the idea that God became flesh, that God became Man, that Our Lady kept her virginity? This scandalizes.

Cindy Wooden (CNS)

Good morning Your Holiness, I would like to follow up on my French colleague's question about the Synod and information. So many lay faithful have given so much time, prayer, involvement in speaking, listening. They want to know what's happening during the Synod, the Assembly. And you spoke of your experience of the Synod on religious, during which some people had said, "don't put this...", "You can't say this..." We journalists don't even have access to the Assembly and the general sessions. How can we be sure that what we are given as "gruel" [It: pappa] is true? Is there not a possibility of being a little more open with journalists?

But [it is] very open, dear; it is very open! There is a commission chaired by [Paolo] Ruffini [Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Communication, ed.] that will give the news every day, but more open, I don't know, more open, I don't know...

It's good that this commission will be very respectful of everyone's speeches and will try not to chitter-chatter [It: chiacchiericcio], but to say the things precisely on the synodal progress, which are constructive for the Church. If you want, if someone wants the news to be, "This person has taken it out on that person for this or that reason," that is political gossip.

The committee does not have an easy task, in saying: "Today the reflection went this way, it went like this," and to convey the ecclesial spirit, not the political one. A parliament is different from a synod. Do not forget that the protagonist of the Synod is the Holy Spirit. And how can this be transmitted? This is why the ecclesial progress must be conveyed.

Vincenzo Romeo (RAI TG 2)

Good morning, Your Holiness. You are the Pope of the peripheries, and the peripheries, especially in Italy, are suffering greatly. We have had some worrying episodes of violence, of degradation... For example, near Naples, a parish priest, Don [Maurizio] Patriciello [parish pastor in Caivano, ed.] even invited you to go [there], then to Palermo [in Sicily]. What can be done? You visited the "villas miserias" in Buenos Aires, so you have experience with this. Our Prime Minister also visited one of these peripheries. There is a lot of discussion. What can be done, what can both the Church and the institutions of the State do to overcome this degradation and make the peripheries truly part of a country?

You speak about the peripheries, like the slums: you have to go forward, you have to go there and work there, as was done in Buenos Aires by the priests who worked there – a team of priests with an Auxiliary Bishop at the head – and you work there. We must be open to this, governments must be open, all the governments of the world, but there are peripheries that are tragic.

I come back to a scandalous periphery that people try to cover up: that of the Rohingya. The Rohingya suffer. They are not Christians; they are Muslims, but they suffer because they have been converted to a periphery; they have been driven out. We have to see the different types of peripheries and also learn that the periphery is where human reality is more evident and less sophisticated – [there are also, ed.] bad moments, I don't want to idealize – but it is better perceived.

A philosopher once said something that struck me greatly: "Reality is best understood from the peripheries." We must talk to the peripheries, and governments must do real social justice, real social justice, with the different social peripheries and also with the ideological peripheries, to get them to talk, because many times it is some exquisite ideological periphery that provokes the social peripheries. The world of the peripheries is not easy. Thank you.

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.

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

14/15 October 2023

Acolytes	Vigil: Daniel La Guidara 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am: Eugene Miu
Ministers	Vigil: C. Janaz, L. La Guidara 8am: A. McNally, VOLUNTEER 9.30am: G. Basili, B. Chandler
Readers	Vigil: A. Punch, C. Rodrigues 8am: J. Cabasa, VOLUNTEER 9.30am: S. Manamperi, E. Vinoth Pieris
Altar Servers	Vigil: A. Bagatella, A. La Guidara, C. La Guidara 8am: S. Park, P. Park 9.30am: C. Attard, M. Pieris, J. Pieris
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Parish Pastoral Council
Musicians	Vigil: Karen Thoms & Chris Woodward 8am: Maximilian's Chorale 9.30am: Maximilian's Chorale
Flowers	Fennie & Judith
Church cleaning	19 Oct Cathy Hutchings Annette Peatman
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Urge 8am: Joyce Hillbrick 9.30am: Sastina Pieris

The Kids' Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8th, 2023



What did the bad tenants do when the owner's son came to get the produce?
Use the code below to find out.

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D E H I K L M T Y

Harvest
Parable

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

LISTEN	WATCHTOWER	PARABLE	SON	SERVANTS
SENT	WALL	HARVEST	KILLED	COLLECT
BUILT	LANDOWNER	LAST	TIME	FARMERS
DUG	FRUIT	REJECTED	VINEYARD	JOURNEY

The Parable of the Tenants

Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. Matthew 21:37 (NIV)

Match the words in the box with the correct definition.

- _____ A simple story teaching a moral or religious lesson
- _____ The time or season for gathering crops
- _____ A parent's male child
- _____ A person who works with plants and flowers
- _____ People employed to perform services for another person
- _____ The part of a vine or tree which is eaten
- _____ To hear or pay attention to something
- _____ To put to death

FRUIT
HARVEST

PARABLE
KILLED

FARMER
LISTEN

SERVANTS
SON



Grape Maze

