

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 29 October 2023 • Year A



Let us Pray for the Sick

Leonila Ahillón, Julia Arriola, Mary Attard, Cynthia Avery, Barrie Chamberlain, Rosella Booth, Alfredo Fernandez, Anthony Janicska, Fiona Mahon, Carlos Moreno, Debra Price, Camy Ratnam, 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: Mansour Ahmad, Ronald Bailey, David Claridge, Brian Coates, Gladys Fernando, John Lionel, Joan Falzon, Vilma Flores, Joy Hayward, Alfredo Fernandez, Ranjan Fernando, Jonathan Tek Kie, Mary Mifsud, Anthony & Evangelista Micallef, Solomon Morias, Lyn Morrissey, Josephine Muscat, Mary Paz Novilla, John O'Rourke, Pacienza Piscopo, Mercedes Yu, Maria Fely Sebastian, Jose Soriano, Joseph & Theresa Vella.

Anniversaries: Fredy Alphonse, Mansour Ahmad, Mary Alagiah, Mervyn Costello, Conchita Deloso, Ngan Siu Eng, Antonia, Josephine Francis, Sheela Franklin, Francisca Garcia, Charlie Gravina, Francis Xavier Ignatious, Martha Joseph, Felina A. Maglaya, Felicidad A. Maglaya, Tomas Magpayo, Jason Muscat, Philippa & Jim Muscat, Adele Moroney, Denis Morrissey, Sr Christina Morrissey RSS, Romeo Magda Palmos, Alberto Nahoy, Ignacio Nonato Snr, Sam Silvia, Rohan Senanayake, Cordula Paiva, John Portelli, Cornelio & Illuminada Rondario, Caroline Susainathan, Melchor Usman.

Remembrance: Jose Abadiano, Neil Amaratunga, France Angseeing, Lourdes P. Arriola, Joseph Azzopardi, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Sam Borg, Lina Cabaero, Valentina Carlos, Melvyn Fernandes, Constance Gaycroft, Christine Gomez, Harold, Sheena Landagan, Soledad M. Leong, Apolinario A. Maglaya, Sashin Patrick Manamperi, Tomasa Magpayo, Pauline Meilak, Mary Mifsud, Emilia & William Mifsud, Marcel Mohsen, Anton & Lourda Motha, Louis & Stephen Mula, Felix & Adriana Muscat, Michelle Muscat, Mary & Francis Muscat, Adrian Pereira, Lakshman Pereira, Ngan Pin, John & Rosaline Ratnam, Jose Sanchez, Bibiano Villanueva, Shane Vaz, Domingo Villarta Jnr, Amalia Usman.

**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

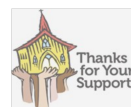
On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you very much for your ongoing support, which has been absolutely vital in keeping our Parish going strong. Projects completed include the Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting, Parish Office and Meeting Room Roof painted, Church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

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.
BSB: 067 950
ACC: 000552
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FIRST READING A reading from the book of Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

SECOND READING A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you.

This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and
we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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,

Jewish people in Jesus' time believed that the laws in sacred Scripture were to the principal ways leading to holiness, consequently anyone who observed the laws of Moses was considered as holy, and vice versa, anyone who failed to follow the laws was a sinner. As a result, the Pharisees tried to avoid from accidentally breaking the laws by making more laws known as the oral traditions, including 613 articles together, in which the phrase 'you shall..' was repeated 248 times and the phrase 'you shall not..' 365 times, and the Pharisees regarded the oral traditions as equally important as the sacred Scripture.

In the Gospel today, the evangelist recounts the story of Jesus' encounter with the Pharisees asking for Jesus' comment about which is the most important commandment of the Law. In response, Jesus chose a combination of two verses, one from Deuteronomy (6.4-5) and the other from Leviticus (19.18) as his way to turn something familiar to his Jewish audience into his own teaching.

These verses from Deuteronomy were the first Scripture passage every Jewish boy had to memorise, for Jewish people considered it as the summary of the entire Jewish law, and the pious Jew was expected to recite this passage every day from his or her rise.

With his addition of the verse from Leviticus, Jesus aims to point out the duty to love our neighbour as a visual exhibition of our total love for God. In his letter, St John explored Jesus' teaching by arguing that if we cannot love a brother or sister we can see, we surely cannot God whom we cannot see. In other words, love of God and love of people have to go hand in hand and they cannot be separated.

Most importantly, Jesus chose the Greek word AGAPE as his preferred choice to publicise his unique commandments of Love, that he means to tell us that this is the summary of all his teachings and expects nothing from his disciples but a love utterly selfless and unconditional.

Let us pray today for the grace to help us realise and appreciate the importance of Jesus' commandments of the dual love, and the power to support us in our effort to live them out.

Have a charity-oriented week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

DISPLAY OF OUR RECENT SURVEY

From this weekend, we continue to display the Chat APT-based results of the survey dealing with the question about how to build a better and stronger community.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

At the meeting last Wednesday night, members of the Council spent a good time to study the Chat GPT-based results of our recent survey relating to question 2 about what we can do to make our faith community stronger and better. We agreed to make the Youth ministry our priority. We will invest our resources to help encourage children, young people and their parents to be more connected with their faith and the parish through various initiatives, such as the Play group, Children liturgy, funs & activities for children. We continue to work with the school and other related groups in the parish to build up the Youth ministry. Please support our Parish Council in this effort.

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'll receive lot of support, such as training and materials for the ministry to nurture the faith of children at public schools.

LOURDES PLAYGROUP IS BACK!

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. ALL ARE WELCOME. If you would like further information, please contact the Parish Office or Maria Hosni 0432 174 056.

A PRAYER FOR GAZA AND UKRAINE

'Let our sons flourish like saplings grown tall and strong from their youth, Our daughters graceful as columns, adorned as though for a palace. Let our barns be filled to overflowing with crops of every kind; our sheep increasing by thousands, myriads of sheep in our fields, our cattle heavy with young, No ruined wall, no exile, no sound of weeping in our streets.' (Psalm 143)

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Masses will be at **8am** and **9.15am**.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS

Please join us as we celebrate the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Masses will be at **8am** and **7pm**.

NOVEMBER BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

As our Parish tradition, the Book of Remembrance will be available at the baptismal font for our parishioners to enter the names of the deceased, and placed in front of the altar during all Masses throughout November. Please feel free to do so.

SCAM ALERT

Please be aware of a scam text message circulating throughout the Diocese referencing parish priest names asking for gift cards. Please delete and don't click on any links. If you need to verify the source call the Parish Office.

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.*

DIOCESAN NEWS

Bishop Vincent presents Christopher White: 9 November

Vatican correspondent and Pope Francis expert Christopher White is coming to the Diocese of Parramatta as part of the Diocese of Parramatta's 'Bishop Vincent Presents' series. His public lecture "Will our faith have children? Reflections on the health and dynamism of global Catholicism after the October 2023 Synod on Synodality" will be held in Parramatta on Thursday 9 November at Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta from 6pm. Places are strictly limited, so register today at <https://parracatholic.org/christopherwhite/>

Donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal

Following a series of surprise attacks against Israel by Hamas in early October, Caritas Australia is supporting partner agencies on the ground to provide emergency cash, shelter, and psychosocial support to those affected by the violence. The efforts of these partner agencies are expected to support 17,000 displaced families, representing around 100,000 of the 1 million people displaced. To support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, call 1800 024 413 toll free or visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/gaza-crisis/

Table Talk with People Seeking Asylum: 8 November

St Patrick Cathedral Parish, Parramatta, Jesuit Refugees Service and the Diocese of Parramatta are organising a Table Talk event with people seeking asylum on Wednesday 8 November from 7pm to 9pm at the Cathedral Hall. We will hear from people with lived experience, reflect on our own values and see how we can be part of a positive change. To register, visit <https://events.humanitix.com/talk-talk-with-people-seeking-asylum>

Parramatta Street Feast: 11 November

You are invited to the Parramatta Street Feast, Saturday 11 November 2023. Come and share a meal, company and entertainment with members of our community who are on the margins of society. This free event will be held in a spirit of solidarity and friendship at the Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, 10:30AM to 1:30PM. The Street Feast is a collaboration between the Diocese of Parramatta, PAYCE Foundation, Paynter Dixon and St. Mercurius Charity.

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

Mass and prayers for deceased clergy: 17 November

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its second annual Mass for our deceased clergy on Friday 17 November at 10.30am at St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Pinegrove Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ. We encourage each parish to offer a Mass for the deceased priests who have served in your own parish on the same day, to unite in prayer for this special intention.

El Roi - The God Who Sees Me Women's Retreat: 17 – 19 November 2023

Prepare for Advent through this women's retreat with the MGL Sisters, as we spend time together listening to God's unique heart of love for each one of us. This retreat is supported by the Catholic Women's Network in the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Venue: Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW

Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/CFBRE> (by 3 November)

Contact: Berna - 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

Mass available for the South Sudanese Catholic Community

The South Sudanese Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every Sunday at 2pm at Mary, Queen of the Family Catholic Parish, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown 2148. For more information, please contact Deacon John Cinya on (02) 9622 1125 or John.Cinya@parracatholic.org

Free FirstCPR Training Vouchers

16 October is World Restart a Heart Day, a global initiative to raise awareness about the importance of CPR. FirstCPR, to which the Diocese of Parramatta is an organisation member, is offering a free training voucher for people wishing to learn CPR. To receive the voucher, contact the FirstCPR team by emailing warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au with the subject 'WRAH Day CPR training voucher'. For more information, contact warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au or call 0412 369 519.

Free English and Citizenship Classes

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering English and Citizenship classes at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills, on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am to 2pm during school terms. Free childcare is available. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Crèche on (02) 8843 2506 or Nepean Community College (02) 4724 9000.

Positions Vacant:

- Communications Manager – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm on Wednesday 1 November 2023.**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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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/>

POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS



Dear brothers and sisters, *buongiorno!*

The Gospel of today's Liturgy tells us about some pharisees who join with the Herodians to set a trap for Jesus. They were always trying to set traps for Him. They go to Him and ask: "Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" (Mt 22:17). It is a ruse: if Jesus legitimizes the tax, He places Himself on the side of a political power that is ill-supported by the people, whereas if He says not to pay it, He can be accused of rebellion against the empire.

A veritable trap. However, He escapes this snare. He asks them to show Him a coin, which bears the image of Caesar, and says to them: "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (v. 21). What does this mean?

These words of Jesus have become commonplace, but at times they have been used incorrectly – or at least reductively – to talk about the relations between Church and State, Christians and politics; often they are interpreted as though Jesus wanted to separate "Caesar" from "God", that is, earthly from spiritual reality. At times we too think in this way: faith with its practices is one thing, and daily life is another. And this will not do. No. This is a form of "schizophrenia", as if faith had nothing to do with real life, with the challenges of society, with social justice, with politics and so forth.

In reality, Jesus wants to help us place "Caesar" and "God" each in their proper place. The care for earthly order belongs to Caesar – that is, to politics, to civil institutions, to social and economic processes, and we who are immersed in this reality must give back to society what it offers us, through our contribution as responsible citizens, taking care of what is entrusted to us, promoting law and justice in the world of work, paying our taxes honestly, committing ourselves to the common good, and so on. At the same time, though, Jesus affirms the fundamental reality: that man belongs to God: *all of man* and *every human being*. And this means that we do not belong to any earthly reality, to any "Caesar". We are the Lord's, and we must not be slaves to any earthly power. On the coin, then, there is the image of the emperor, but Jesus reminds us that our lives are imprinted with the image of God, which nothing and no-one can obscure. The things of this world belong to Caesar, but man and the world itself belong to God: do not forget this!

We understand, then, that Jesus is restoring each one of us to his or her own identity: on the coin of this world there is the image of Caesar, but you – each one of us - which image do you carry within yourself? Let us ask ourselves this question: what image do I carry inside myself? You - whose is the image of your life? Do we remember that we belong to the Lord, or do we let ourselves be shaped by the logic of the world and make work, politics and money our idols to be worshipped?

May the Holy Virgin help us to recognize and honour our dignity and that of every human being.

After praying the Angelus, the Pope continued:

Dear brothers and sisters,

Once more my thoughts turn to what is happening in Israel and Palestine. I am very concerned, grieved. I pray and I am close to all those who are suffering: the hostages, the wounded, the victims and their relatives. I think of the serious humanitarian situation in Gaza and I am saddened that the Anglican hospital and the Greek-Orthodox parish have also been hit in recent days. I renew my appeal for spaces to be opened, for humanitarian aid to continue to arrive, and for the hostages to be freed.

War, any war that there is in the world – I also think of tormented Ukraine – is a defeat. War is always a defeat; it is a destruction of human fraternity. Brothers, stop! Stop!

I remind you that next Friday, 27 October, I have proclaimed a day of fasting, prayer and penance, and that evening at 18.00 in Saint Peter's Square we will spend an hour in prayer to implore peace in the world.

Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday, which has the theme: "*Hearts on fire, feet on the move*". Two images that say everything! I urge everyone, in the dioceses and in the parishes, to participate actively.

I greet you all, Romans and pilgrims, in particular the *Siervas de los Pobres hijas del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús* religious sisters, from Granada; the members of the *Centro Académico Romano Fundación*, the Confraternity of the *Señor de los Milagros*, of the Peruvians in Rome; and thank you, thank you for your witness! Keep up the good work, with such beautiful piety.

I greet the members of the "All custodians of humanity" lay missionary movement; the polyphonic "*Sant'Antonio Abate*" choir of Cordenons, and the associations of the faithful from Naples and Casagiove.

I also greet the young people of the "*Casa Giardino*", the "Garden House" of Casalmaggiore; the group of young friends from the Emmanuel Community; the directors and teachers from the "*Jean XXIII*" Catholic School of Toulon, and the students from the "*Saint Croix*" High School of Neuilly.

I wish you all a good Sunday. You too, young people of the *Immacolata*. And please, do not forget to pray for me.

Enjoy your lunch, and *arrivederci!*



POPE FRANCIS' RESPONSE TO DUBIA (DOUBTS) SUBMITTED BY A GROUP OF CARDINALS

Dear brothers,

Although I believe it is not always prudent to respond to questions directly addressed to me, and it would be impossible to answer all of them, in this case, given the proximity of the Synod, I have deemed it appropriate to do so.....

2. Dubium regarding the assertion that the widespread practice of blessing same-sex unions is in accordance with Revelation and the Magisterium (CCC 2357).

According to the Divine Revelation, attested in Sacred Scripture, which the Church teaches, "listening to it devoutly, guarding it scrupulously and explaining it faithfully in accord with a divine commission and with the help of the Holy Spirit" (*Dei Verbum*, 10), "In the beginning," God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them, and blessed them to be fruitful (cf. Genesis 1:27-28) and hence, the Apostle Paul teaches that denying sexual difference is the consequence of denying the Creator (Romans 1:24-32). We ask: can the Church deviate from this "principle," considering it, in contrast to what was taught in *Veritatis splendor*, 103, as a mere ideal, and accept as a "possible good" objectively sinful situations, such as unions with persons of the same sex, without departing from the revealed doctrine?

Pope Francis's Response to the Second Dubium

- a) The Church has a very clear understanding of marriage: an exclusive, stable, and indissoluble union between a man and a woman, naturally open to procreation. Only this union can be called "marriage." Other forms of union realize it only in "a partial and analogous way" (*Amoris Laetitia* 292), so they cannot be strictly called "marriage."
- b) It is not just a matter of names, but the reality we call marriage has a unique essential constitution that requires an exclusive name, not applicable to other realities. It is undoubtedly much more than a mere "ideal."
- c) For this reason, the Church avoids any type of rite or sacramental that might contradict this conviction and suggest that something that is not marriage is recognized as marriage.
- d) However, in our relationships with people, we must not lose the pastoral charity, which should permeate all our decisions and attitudes. The defence of objective truth is not the only expression of this charity; it also includes kindness, patience, understanding, tenderness, and encouragement. Therefore, we cannot be judges who only deny, reject, and exclude.
- e) Therefore, pastoral prudence must adequately discern whether there are forms of blessing, requested by one or more persons, that do not convey a mistaken concept of marriage. For when a blessing is requested, it is expressing a plea to God for help, a supplication to live better, a trust in a Father who can help us live better.
- f) On the other hand, although there are situations that are not morally acceptable from an objective point of view, the same pastoral charity requires us not to simply treat as "sinners" other people whose guilt or responsibility may be mitigated by various factors affecting subjective accountability (Cf. St. John Paul II, *Reconciliatio et paenitentia*, 17).
- g) Decisions that may be part of pastoral prudence in certain circumstances should not necessarily become a norm. That is, it is not appropriate for a Diocese, a Bishops' Conference, or any other ecclesial structure to constantly and officially enable procedures or rituals for all kinds of matters, because not everything that "is part of a practical discernment in particular circumstances can be elevated to the level of a rule" as this "would lead to an intolerable casuistry" (*Amoris laetitia*, 304). Canon law should not and cannot cover everything, nor should Episcopal Conferences with their varied documents and protocols claim to do so, as the life of the Church flows through many channels other than normative ones.

3. Dubium regarding the assertion that synodality is a "constitutive dimension of the Church" (Apostolic Constitution *Episcopalis communio*, 6), such that the Church is by nature synodal.

Since the Synod of Bishops does not represent the episcopal college but is merely an advisory body of the Pope, as bishops, witnesses of the faith, cannot delegate their confession of the truth, it is asked whether synodality can be the supreme regulatory criterion of the permanent governance of the Church without distorting its constitutive structure desired by its Founder, whereby the supreme and full authority of the Church is exercised both by the Pope by virtue of his office and by the college of bishops together with their head, the Roman Pontiff (*Lumen gentium*, 22).

Pope Francis's Response to the Third Dubium

- a) Although you acknowledge that the supreme and full authority of the Church is exercised both by the Pope by virtue of his office and by the college of bishops together with their Head, the Roman Pontiff (Cf. Second Vatican Council, Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium*, 22), with these very questions, you manifest your need to participate, to freely express your opinion, and to collaborate, thereby requesting a form of "synodality" in the exercise of my ministry.
- b) The Church is a "mystery of missionary communion," but this communion is not only affective or ethereal; it necessarily implies real participation. Not only the hierarchy but the entire People of God in various ways and at different levels can make their voices heard and feel part of the Church's journey. In this sense, we can say that synodality, as a style and dynamism, is an essential dimension of the Church's life. On this point, St. John Paul II said some very beautiful things in *Novo millennio ineunte*.
- c) It is quite another thing to sacralize or impose a particular synodal methodology that appeals to one group, turning it into a norm and an obligatory path for everyone, because this would only "freeze" the synodal journey, ignoring the different characteristics of the particular Churches and the varied richness of the universal Church.

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

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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 Tuesday 7th November, 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, 10th of November, 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://buddy.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

NOVEMBER

1	All Saints Day Mass	8am & 9.15am
2	All Souls Day Mass	8am & 7pm
7	Over 50's Meeting 'Melbourne Cup Special'	10.30am
10	Lourdes: Luminate Young Adults Group Night	6.45pm
19	Children's Liturgy	9.30am

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

28/29 October 2023

Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am: Sandy Manamperi
Ministers	Vigil: L. Bellissimo, A. Bellissimo 8am: SUB RQD, L. Fernandes 9.30am: M. Aquino, S. Lenthall
Readers	Vigil: N. Do Rosario, J. Irudayaraj 8am: A. Joseph, M. Santos 9.30am: C. Diaz, R. Epondulan
Altar Servers	Vigil: A. Laus, L. Laus, J. Martinez 8am: VOLUNTEERS 9.30am: Sofia Culili, Jake Kingston
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	VOLUNTEER
Musicians	Vigil: Shaun's Group 8am: Fr Henry 9.30am: Christine Clarke
Flowers	Annette & Mary B.
Church Cleaning	2 November Beth Paiva Lourdes Spiteri
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am: VOLUNTEER

4/5 November 2023

Acolytes	Vigil: Daniel La Guidara 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am: Fayelene Kennedy
Ministers	Vigil: L. La Guidara, F. Paiva 8am: A. McNally, S. Nemorin 9.30am: Kilifi Huihui, G. Basili
Readers	Vigil: B. Motha, J. Sarmiento 8am: P. Ferriols, K. Walker 9.30am: K. Huihui, A. Walker
Altar Servers	Vigil: A. La Guidara, C. La Guidara, E. Reardon 8am: S. Park, P. Park 9.30am: C. Attard, F. Wanandy
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Tongan Choir
Musicians	Vigil: Youth for Christ 8am: Fr Henry 9.30am: Couples for Christ
Flowers	Fenty & Liz
Church Cleaning	11 November Tongan Community
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Urge 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am: VOLUNTEER

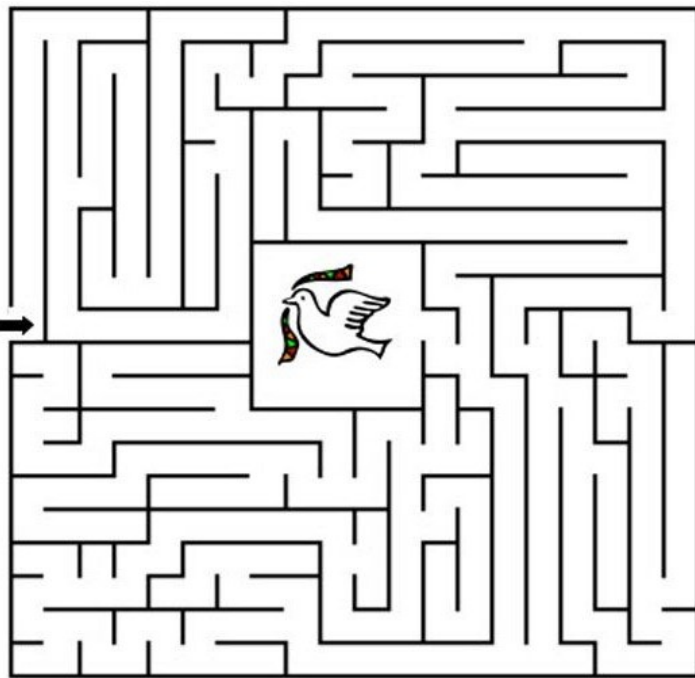
The Kids' Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29th, 2023



How did Jesus say we should love God?
Put the letters in order by their numbers
to fill in the spaces and find out!

With all our _____
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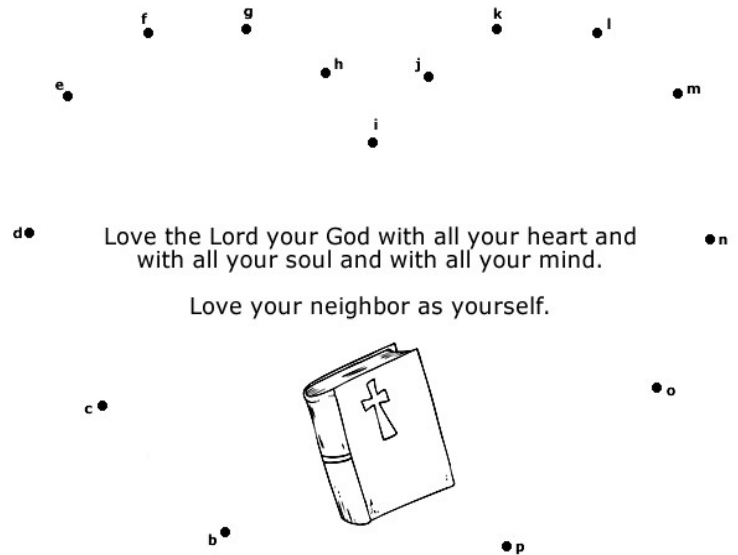


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Love one another.

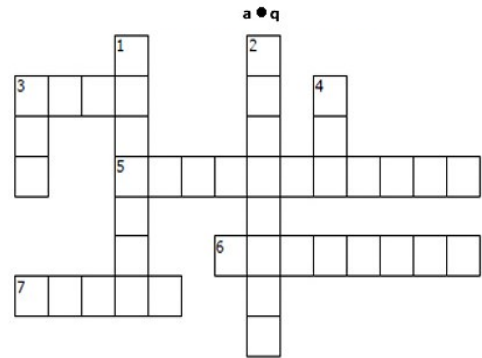


The Greatest Commandment Dot to Dot



Love the Lord your God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with all your mind.

Love your neighbor as yourself.



ACROSS

- To have a deep feeling of affection or attraction for someone
- A rule or law; direction or instruction to do something
- A person who lives near or next to another
- The center and source of a person's emotions or feelings

DOWN

- Someone who educates or trains others
- The most important; better than all others of the same kind
- A system of rules or principles
- The creator of heaven and earth; The One we worship

COMMANDMENT
TEACHER

HEART
GOD

LOVE
LAW

GREATEST
NEIGHBOR

PHARISEES

JESUS

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DISCONCERT

QUESTION

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