

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

Rick Abadam, Florence Arinanan, Katie and Sara Bartolo, Tricia Batongbacal, Rodney Bell, Lawrence Charles, Ben Dixon, Alma Caguimbal, Para Dias, Mary Camilleri, Aiden Chan, Lucia Fernando, Renuka Fernando, Chmouneh Hayek, Lynnda Lim-Huynh, Mary Jordan, Paul Leong, Melissa Mead, Levi Manga, Bob & Therese Marini, Blago Milicevic, Zeferino Jayson Morales, Carlos Mureno, Willy Ong, Maricar Poblete, Fresnido Ruales, Camy Ratnam, Eustace Ratnam, Sue Tipaldo, Natalie Woodward.

If you would like to add to our Sick List or know of any Parishioner who is unwell please contact Father Henry or email the Parish Office: secretary@olol7hills.com.au
We can also arrange for Holy Communion or a visit if required.

Let us Pray for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Paul Azzopardi, Emma Barriom, Vivienne Cameron, Murial Chary, Barrie Chamberlain, Blaise Costa, Dulcie Duraisamy, Sandra Eichhorn, Lena Falzon, Henrieta Fernando, Jasmin Fernando, Ethan Garcia, Ricardo Garcia, Rajan Gungse Kera, Cynthia Lopez, Josephine Lord, Marie Marchand, Etelka Petkovics, Sria Shami, Michael Scott, Cerino Sorbello, Viliami Kalosipani Siale, Marija Simic, Kilini Veamatahau.

Anniversaries: Mary Alagiah, Michelle Azzopardi, Horace Baptist, Ronald Barley, Joseph Bartok, Carolina Borg, Elaine Bosen, Peter & Helen Bonnici, Denis Brophy, Catherine Chandra, Simone Commarnond, Aloysean Corera, Ngan Siu Eng, John Fernando, Nevis Fernando, M.A. Fernando, Mr C Francis & Mrs J Francis, Anthony Garcia, Francisca Garcia, Teodoro Garcia, Zenaida Garcia, Christine Gomez, Josephine Gomez, Martha Joseph, Luiz Lagare, Felicidad & Felina Maglaya, Ngoc Khuong Mai, Xavier Motha Jnr, Cole Ngan, Sr Christina Morrissey, Lissy, Jose & Mary Kutty, Tony Muscat, Cordula Paiva, Romeo Magada Palmos, Adrian Pereira, John Portelli, Natalia Prahinog, Cornelio & Iluminada Rondario, Michael Sant, Mary Silva, Rosary Silva, Loretta Laberinto Udán, Melchor Usman, Dionisio Udán, Aloysius Welangoda.

Remembrance: Fe Abadiano, Neil Amaratunga, France Angseeing, Carmen Attard, Roy, Edna Bacud, Sam Borg, Fe Licup Carmen, Dennis Clarke, Myrna Cruz, Saviour Caruana, Tania McGove, Sam & Silvia Debatista, Carmen, Jimmy, Antonia, Tania, Tony, Vicki, Louie, Joe & Launcer De Guire, Florencio Flores, Melvyn Fernandes, Nevis Fernando, Joseph & Camena Formosa, Sammy Formosa, Francis Jr, Kevin, Mario & Joe Gat, Maximilian & Julian Epondulan, Sam Gabo, Mary & Sam Galea, Evangeline Garcia, Leandro Snr Garcia, Jose Garcia, Selvam Irudayaraj, Sheena Landagan, A. Mansoor, Apolinario Maylaya, Laval Maroooven, Pauline Meilak, Mangion & Cini Family, Michael (Mike) McNamee, Maureen & John Mead, Joe and Doris Mifsud, Emilia Mifsud, Mary Mifsud, Sashin Patrick Manamperi, Anton & Lourda Motha, Louis, Stephen & Joseph Mula, Mary & Francis Muscat, Paolo Pineda, Peter John & Carmelita, John & Roseline Ratnam, Jonathan Tek Kie, Tony Vassollo, Shane Vaz, Vinnie Zahra

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 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')

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

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

SMART DEVICE TERMINALS

All donations made via these new machines are shared 50/50 with our Diocese.

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 or contact Maryse Angseeing on 0467 701 010.

KEEP UP TO DATE

By visiting our parish website with news, the bulletin, prayers and much more - a great way to stay up to date with what's on in our parish. Visit www.olol7hills.org.au



FIRST READING *A reading from the first book of the Kings 17:10-16*

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth." The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**(R) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

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| 1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.) | 3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.) |
| 2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.) | |

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 9:24-28*

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began.

Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 12:38-44*

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny.

Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.

The Gospel of the Lord



Dear friends,

It was said that there were thirteen trumpet-shaped chests erected throughout the Jerusalem Temple in Jesus' time for collecting offerings, and each was used for a specific purpose, for instance, to buy oil for the lamps in the Temple.

A lot of rich people loved to get Temple-goers' attention by moving around from one chest to another to put in their offerings before the eyes of people. Since there were no bank notes available then, people put coins in the chest and their sound hitting the inside of the metallic trumpet made it rather obvious how much money they contributed.

This became the show time for rich people to show off their wealth rather than to make a genuine donation to the House of God, and Jesus of course was unimpressed with that while he was watching such a scene with the disciples, consequently he called their attention to the poor widow who quietly put two small coins with the equivalent of a penny in the coffer, and told them that she donated more than anybody else to the Temple treasury. He then explained the reason why he thought she contributed the most, it was because she gave away all she had, while others just donated their surplus.

Though Jesus was not critical of those rich people trying to make a show with their money in the Temple, Jesus had a go at the scribes who preferred to go around with long robes, to look for obsequious greetings, to be given the best seats for any occasion, and worst of all to take advantage of powerless widows, he warned them that they shall be judged severely. 'The more severe will be the sentence they receive,' said Jesus of them.

Inspired by this lovely story of the Gospel this Sunday, let us earnestly ask the Lord to help all of us remain authentic and genuine in the ways we live our Christian lives. Pray that we are prepared to be generous to God as much as God has been to each of us, and that everything we do and say in our everyday lives only meant to give glory and honour to God and gain credits for us before God.

Have a charity-oriented week,

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

PARISH BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE AND NOVEMBER ENVELOPES

Throughout this month of remembrance our parishioners are invited to enter the names of the deceased in the Parish Book of Remembrance which can be found at the Baptismal Font before Mass and placed in front of the Altar during Mass. Please don't forget to write down the names of those you would like to pray for on the November envelopes and put them in the Intention bowl on the Altar.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Members of the Council are invited to attend a meeting at 7.30pm on 13th November in the Parish Meeting room.

FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT (FGM) AT OLOL

Thank you to those families who have registered for the Passionist FGM. A "Formation Day" for a meet-n-greet will be held on Sunday 10-November-2024 from 10:30-11:30am in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing you.

Recruitment is ongoing and we continue to invite parishioners to register your interest for this new initiative. Please fill out the form and drop it into the Communication box at the rear of the church. Coordinated by Frank Paiva and Edward Pieris.

MINISTRY ROSTER UPDATE 2025

Roster Forms to update your latest contact information and availability to serve in various ministries for the next 6 months are now available at the back Sacristy. Alternatively you can send or print a form from our OLOL Web Page under Parish Directory > Parish Forms.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE RETURNS IN 2025

Those interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar, the Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February 2025. Enrolment forms can be found in front of the back sacristy.

PRESENTATION OF THE "CHRISTMAS STORY"

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for allowing your children to participate in the presentation of the "Christmas Story" on Tuesday the 24th December at the 6pm Family Mass. Please note some changes to the practise schedule, we will practise on the following Sundays during the 9.30am mass: -Sunday 10th November - Sunday 24th November - Sunday 8th December - Sunday 22nd December (we may need an extra 10-15 minutes so we can practise in the Church). On Tuesday 24th December, please be at Church between 5.00-5.30pm so we can organise the children in their costumes. In order for your children to feel confident when performing, we ask they commit to the above practice dates. Practice will go for about 20-25 minutes during Mass.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office on 02 9622 2920.

Many thanks, Jem Demeterio Children's Liturgy Coordinator

TONGAN MASS WITH CARDINAL SOANE PATITA PAINI MAFI, BISHOP OF TONGA

His Eminence Cardinal Soane Patita Paini Mafi will be celebrating a mass in Tongan here at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Church this Sunday the 10th of November 2024 from 12pm. All are welcome to join us.

ADVENT BIBLICAL STUDIES

Presented by Fr Joseph Lam, PhD STD.

Christmas: Folktale or Truth? Some people think that the nativity story is historically inaccurate.

Rather, it is an adaption of pagan myths. Is it so? How did the authors of the Four Gospels and Paul see the birth of Jesus? Come and explore the biblical-theological dimension of the Nativity Tuesdays the 3rd, 10th & 17th of December from 7.30PM at the Parish of Baulkham Hills, St Michael, 'Downey Room' Places are limited. Please pre-register your attendance via admin@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au

DIOCESAN NEWS

Positions Vacant:

- Facilitator, Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP) –

Applications close 11 November

- Management and Systems Accountant –

Applications close 17 November

- Accountant – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

Parramatta Street Feast: 13 November

On behalf of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, you are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast 2024. Come and share a free meal, entertainment and company in a spirit of friendship and solidarity: 13 November 2024, 10:30am – 1:00pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. BE A VOLUNTEER: If you would also like to volunteer on the day (e.g., set-up, ushering, serving food), please fill out this registration form: parracatholic.org/streetfeast

Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy: 19 November

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to the annual Mass for our Deceased Clergy on Tuesday 19 November at 9am at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in St Marys 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.

MET Annual Bishop Vincent Vatican II Lecture:

20 November

You are invited to Bishop Vincent's annual lecture on Vatican II on Wednesday 20 November, 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown, cnr Flushcombe Road. Register for limited seating via <https://parracatholic.org/events/vatican-ii-lecture/> for more information contact met@parracatholic.org

Free Theology books: Clearing of Bishop Bede Heather Centre library

As the Bishop Bede Heather Centre will be undergoing renovations, the library books are available for collection, free of charge. There are many books in all categories – biblical studies, philosophy, ethics, spirituality, ministry, homiletics, parish renewal, liturgy, sacraments and MORE. You are welcome to visit on the following days, from 10 AM to 4 PM: Wednesday 6 November, Tuesday 12 November and Friday 22 November. Contact met@parracatholic.org for more information.

St Hedwig Village Market Day: 16 November

Join the wonderful residents at St Hedwig Retirement Village for a fun-filled community event on Saturday, 16th November from 10am to 2pm. Explore a variety of market stalls with hand-made crafts and pre-loved treasures while enjoying a delicious sausage sizzle, tea or coffee, a range of baked sweet treats and other fun activities. St Hedwig Village 134-140 Reservoir Road, Blacktown. Call 1300 191 472 or visit sthedwigvillage.com.au

Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day: 17 November

You are invited to the Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia on Sunday, 17th November. Arrival from 10am to register for a 10:30am start, presentations, introduction to meditation, Middle of the Day Prayer with the monks, Mass at 2pm, conclusion at 3pm. Book display and morning tea provided, please BYO picnic lunch. Extensive grounds and a labyrinth. For general enquiries contact Ann Lomas atlomas@bigpond.com / 0437 340 250 Possible accommodation at the monastery guest house: Fr Michael Kelly / mkelly@silvestrini.org / 0455 329 607

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 2025

Join David and Angeline Wilkes from St Aiden's Parish on a spiritual journey to Medjugorje from April 1st to 9th, 2025. This is their third pilgrimage, and the group will be staying with visionary Mirjana Soldo, guided by her long-time English interpreter, Miki Musa. Fr Neil Bulathsinhala will also be accompanying the group as the Chaplain. Places are limited, so if you feel called to experience the peace and grace of Medjugorje, please contact Angeline Wilkes at 0410 665 306 or visit saintlytravel.com.au for more details.

From the Pastoral Plan 2024-2028: Behold, I Am With You Always

As the baptised People of God, we each have a personal responsibility to contribute positively to building a culture of welcome, hospitality and meaningful connection within the Church community. What are some concrete actions our faith community can take to better welcome and include all individuals, especially those who may feel marginalised or unwelcome? (Pg. 31-32, Pastoral Plan). Help shape a welcoming Church for all: www.parracatholic.org/synodality.

LOLO SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Face to Face Renewal Safeguarding Training at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

If missed any of the face to face training held at our parish, you can complete these modules independently at times convenient to you via <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>.

LOLO Vulnerable People's Participation

We are a Catholic community that champions the practice of supporting & engaging, listening and communicating with those who are most vulnerable such as children and young people. This in return encourages their participation.

Supporting the Safety of Our Community

We all have a role to play in safeguarding those who are vulnerable. Concerns about safeguarding may be referred to Fr Henry, our Parish Priest, or directly to the: Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards Ph (02) 8838 3419 or via Email: safeguarding@parracatholic.org.

Visiting Clergy to LOLO

Visiting clergy to our church all uphold the standards and processes we here at LOLO and the Diocese have put in place to ensure the safety of our community.

Working With Children Check Reminder

Here at LOLO Parish all our volunteers and staff have had a WWCC. It is important that your current WWCC number is renewed rather than applying for a new Check. If your WWCC is due to expire and you have not received an email from the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian, please contact the OCG for further information. NB: If you have forgotten your WWCC number or are unsure which email address your WWCC number is registered to, please contact the OCG on (02) 92867219.

POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS



Dear brothers and sisters, good Sunday!

The Gospel of today's liturgy (Mk 12:28-34) tells us about one of the many discussions Jesus had at the temple of Jerusalem. One of the scribes approaches Him and questions Him: "Which is the first of all the commandments?" (v. 28). Jesus responds by putting together two fundamental words of the Mosaic law: "You shall love the Lord your God" and "You shall love your neighbour" (vv. 30-31). With his question, the scribe looks for "the first" of the commandments, that is, a principle at the basis of all the commandments; the Jews had many precepts and sought the basis of all of them, one that was fundamental; they tried to agree on a fundamental one, and there was discussion between them, good discussions because they were looking for the truth. And this question is essential for us too, for our life and for the journey of our faith. Indeed, we too at times feel lost among so many things, and ask ourselves: but, in the end, what is the most important thing of all? Where can I find the centre of my life, of my faith? Jesus gives us the answer, putting together two commandments that are the primary ones: the love of God and the love of neighbour. And this is the heart of our faith. We all – as we know – need to return to the heart of life and faith, because the heart is "the radical source of their strengths, convictions" (Encyclical *Dilexit nos*, 9). And Jesus tells us that the source of everything is love, that we must never separate God from man. The Lord says to the disciple of every time: in your journey, what counts are not the exterior practices, such as burnt offerings and sacrifices (v. 33), but the readiness of heart with which you open yourself to God and to brethren in love. Brothers and sisters, we can do many things, but do them only for ourselves and without love, and this will not do; we do them with a distracted heart or even with a closed heart, and this will not do. All things must be done with love. The Lord will come, and He will ask us first and foremost about love: "How did you love?" It is important, then, to fix in our hearts the most important commandment. What is it? Love the Lord your God, and love your neighbour as yourself. And to carry out every day an examination of conscience and ask ourselves: is love for God and neighbour the centre of my life? Does my prayer to God impel me to go out to my brothers and sisters and love them gratuitously? Do I recognize the presence of the Lord in the faces of others? May the Virgin Mary, who bore the law of God imprinted in her immaculate heart, help us to love the Lord and our brothers and sisters. **After the Angelus** I greet you all, Romans and pilgrims from Italy and many other countries! I greet the Carmelite Missionary Sisters of the Holy Spirit, who are celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of their secular Fraternity; I greet the faithful of Venice, Pontassieve, Barberino del Mugello, Empoli and Palermo, and of Santa Maria alle Fornaci in Rome; as well as the teenagers of Catanzaro with their parish educators. I greet the blood donors from Coccaglio, Brescia, and the group from *Emergency* Rome South, committed to recalling Article 11 of the Italian Constitution, which says: "Italy rejects war as an instrument of aggression against the freedom of other peoples and as a means for the settlement of international disputes". Remember this article! Keep on going! And may this principle be implemented all over the world: may war be banished and issues be addressed through law and negotiations. Let weapons be silenced and space be made for dialogue. Let us pray for tormented Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Myanmar, and South Sudan. And let us continue to pray for Valencia, and the other communities in Spain, who are suffering so much in these days. What do I do for the people of Valencia? Do I pray? Do I offer something? Think about this question. And I wish everyone a good Sunday. And please do not forget to pray for me. Enjoy your lunch, and *arrivederci*.

POPE FRANCIS ADDS A CARDINAL TO THE CONSISTORY, ARCHBISHOP BATTAGLIA OF NAPLES *By Salvatore Cernuzio*

'Don Mimmo', as he is known, joins the list of cardinals who will receive the red hat on 7 December next. Born in Calabria and Archbishop of Naples, Italy, since 2020, he is well known for his outreach assisting those in need. The number of new cardinals thus returns to 21 following the request not to be made a cardinal by Bishop Syukur of Indonesia. 21 new cardinals will now receive the red hat at the forthcoming Consistory on 7 December. And Pope Francis has added a new name to the list of future cardinals, that of Archbishop Domenico Battaglia of Naples who has led the Archdiocese since December 2020. The announcement came late on Monday afternoon from the director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni: "Pope Francis has announced that he has included among the names of the new cardinals who will be created during the next Consistory on 7 December His Excellency Domenico Battaglia, Archbishop of Naples." **The list of new cardinals returns to 21** As announced at the end of the Angelus on 6 October, the number of new cardinals fell by one following the request not to be made a cardinal by Bishop Paskalis Bruno Syukur of Bogor, Indonesia, on 22 October who expressed his wish to continue his personal growth "in service to the Church and the people of God" stemming "from a desire to further deepen his priestly life." Together with the Italian city of Turin and Archbishop Roberto Repole, a large Italian diocese thus returns to being a cardinalatial See. **Assisting those in need** 'Don Mimmo', as Archbishop is commonly known and still called, plays a prominent pastoral role in southern Italy, with a background as a 'street priest' committed in particular to young people and those struggling with drug addiction. The Pope also called him to be among the members of the two sessions of the Synod on Synodality. Born in the southern Italian region of Calabria, originally from Satriano, Catanzaro, he is 61 yrs old. Before being appointed as Archbishop of Naples, he served as Bishop of the Diocese of Cerreto Sannita-Telesse-Sant'Agata de' Goti, in the province of Benevento. He completed his studies in philosophy and theology at the Pontifical Regional Seminary "San Pio X" in Catanzaro. Ordained a priest on 6 February 1988, he has been a parish priest, rector, director of diocesan offices and canon over the years. On 24 June 2016 he was appointed by Pope Francis to the episcopal see of Cerreto Sannita -Telesse- Sant'Agata de' Goti. His episcopal consecration took place on 3 September and his installation at the helm of the Benevento community on 2 October 2016, choosing as his episcopal motto the words of Jesus to Bartimaeus - the blind son of Timaeus, who sat by the road begging - 'Courage, rise, He calls you!' ('Confide, surge, vocat te!'). **Care for the marginalized** Archbishop Battaglia's care for the poor and those on the margins of society stands out. He accompanied people struggling with drug addiction from 1992 to 2016, guiding the 'Centro Calabrese di Solidarietà', a centre linked to Don Mario Picchi's Therapeutic Communities (FICT) of which he was national president from 2006 to 2015. From 2000 to 2006, he also served as vice-president of the Betania Foundation in Catanzaro, a diocesan outreach providing assistance and charity in Naples, acclaimed by the local clergy and faithful, the new archbishop introduced himself in his first message 'as a brother who goes among brothers and sisters' in a city he called 'a treasure of the South' with hopes and challenges, confirming his commitment as a caring shepherd, something he will continue to do as a cardinal. **The College of Cardinals** In the upcoming Consistory, the tenth of Pope Francis, only one of the future cardinals is a non-elect (former nuncio Archbishop Acerbi). With the addition of Archbishop Battaglia, 11 are European of whom 5 are Italian; 6 are from the Americas including 5 South Americans; 3 are Asian; and one is African. As of 7 December, the College of Cardinals will therefore consist of 256 members of whom 141 are electors and 115 are non-electors.

Cycle of Catechesis. The Spirit and the Bride. The Holy Spirit guides the people of God towards Jesus our hope. 7. Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. The Holy Spirit, our ally in the fight against the spirit of evil

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Immediately after His baptism in the Jordan, Jesus “*was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil*” (Mt 4:1) – this is what the Gospel of Matthew says. The initiative is not Satan's, but God's. Going into the wilderness, Jesus obeys an inspiration of the Holy Spirit; He does not fall into an enemy snare, no, no! Once He has withstood the test, it is written, He returns to Galilee “in the power of the Spirit” (Lk 4:14).

In the wilderness, Jesus freed Himself of Satan, and now He can deliver *from* Satan. He freed Himself, He frees from Satan. It is what the Evangelists highlight with the numerous studies of deliverance from possession. Jesus says to His opponents: “If it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you” (Mt 12:28). And Jesus casts out the demons, with the aspiration of the kingdom of God.

Nowadays we are witnessing a strange phenomenon regarding the devil. At a certain cultural level, it is held that he simply does not exist. He would be a symbol of the collective subconscious, or alienation; in short, a metaphor. But “the cleverest ruse of the devil is to persuade you he does not exist!”, as someone wrote (Charles Baudelaire). He is astute: he makes us believe that he does not exist, and in this way he dominates everything. He is cunning. And yet our technological and secularized world is teeming with magicians, occultism, spiritualism, astrologers, sellers of spells and amulets, and unfortunately with real satanic sects. Driven out the door, the devil has re-entered, one might say, through the window. Driven out of faith, he re-enters with superstition. And if you are superstitious, you are unconsciously conversing with the devil. One does not converse with the devil.

The strongest proof of the existence of Satan is found not in sinners or the possessed, but in the saints! “And how can this be, Father?”. Yes, it is true that the devil is present and working in certain extreme and “inhuman” forms of evil and wickedness that we see around us. But by this route, though, it is practically impossible to reach, in individual cases, the certainty that it is truly him, given that we cannot know with precision where his action ends and our own evil begins. This is why the Church is so prudent and so rigorous in performing exorcism, unlike what happens, unfortunately, in certain films!

It is in the life of the saints, precisely there, that the devil is forced to come out into the open, to place himself “against the light”. All the saints, all the great believers, some more, some less, testify to their struggle with this obscure reality, and one cannot honestly assume that they were all deluded or mere victims of the prejudices of their time.

The battle against the spirit of evil is won as Jesus won it in the wilderness: by striking with the word of God. You see that Jesus does not converse with the devil, He never conversed with the devil. Either he casts him out, or condemns him, but He never converses. And in the wilderness, he replies not with His word, but with the Word of God. Brothers, sisters, never converse with the devil; when temptations present themselves: “But, this would be nice, that would be nice” – stop. Raise your heart to the Lord, pray to Our Lady and banish him, just as Jesus taught us how to banish him. Saint Peter also suggests another means, that Jesus did not need, but we do –vigilance. “Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (1 Pt 5:8). And Saint Paul says to us: “Give no opportunity to the devil” (Eph 4:27).

After Christ, on the cross, defeated forever the power of the “ruler of this world” (Jn 12:31), a Father of the Church said, “the devil is bound, like a dog on a chain; he cannot bite anyone except those who, defying the danger, go near him... He can bark, he can urge, but he can bite only those who want” [1]. If you are a fool and you go to the devil and say, “Ah, how are you?”, and everything, it ruins you. The devil – distance. One does not converse with the devil. One banishes him. Distance. And all of us, everyone, we have experience of how the devil approaches with some temptation. The temptation of the ten commandments: when we feel this, stop, keep your distance: do not approach the chained dog.

Modern technology, for example, besides the many positive resources that are to be appreciated, offers also countless means to “give an opportunity to the devil”, and many fall in the trap. Think of online pornography, behind which there is a flourishing market: we all know this. It is the devil at work, there. And this is a very widespread phenomenon, which Christians should beware of and strongly reject. Because any smartphone has access to this brutality, to this language of the devil: online pornography.

Awareness of the action of the devil in history should not discourage us. The final thought must be, also in this case, of trust and security: “I am with the Lord, be gone”. Christ overcame the devil and gave us the Holy Spirit to make His victory our own. The very action of the enemy can turn to our advantage, if with God's help we make it serve our purification. Let us therefore ask the Holy Spirit, in the words of the hymn *Veni Creator*:

Drive far away our wily Foe,
And Thine abiding peace bestow;
If Thou be our protecting Guide,
No evil can our steps betide”.

Beware, the devil is astute – but we Christians, with God's grace, are more astute than him. 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 9622 2920

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 Christmas Lunch Thursday 21st November 2024. Details to follow.

Lourdes: Luminate Young Adults Group

The next group night will be in November. If you would like more information please contact Ian Epondulan: youtholol7h@gmail.com or search 'Lourdes 7Hills Young Adults' on Facebook.

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 9.00am-11.00am in the Parish Meeting Room. For further information please contact Maria Hosni 0432 174 056 or the Parish Office.

PIETY SHOP

Located at the back of the church. Please come have a browse after mass.

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 Available To Those In Need

The St Vincent de Paul Society has members and community-focused Vinnies Support Centres right across NSW. They provide people in immediate crisis with assistance. If you need assistance, call 131812 (option 3) to be redirected to your nearest Vinnies Support Centre. To find out more about the support that is available, visit <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nsw/find-help>. If you'd like to contribute to helping those in need in the local community through the St Vincent de Paul Society, please email Reno Abela at rael24@gmail.com.

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 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 baptisms, birthdays, wedding anniversaries, or death anniversaries. Please see Fr Henry or Ernie before Mass to arrange it.

OLOL PARISH CALENDAR

November

13	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
20	Baptism Meeting	7.30pm
21	Over 50's Christmas Party	11.30am
24	Children's 'Christmas Story' Practice	9.30am
29	Parish Volunteers Dinner	6.30pm

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

9/10 November

Acolytes	Vigil: Derick Soares 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am: Eugene Miu
Ministers	Vigil: R. Soares, A. Bellissimo 8am: E. Gartner, A. McNally 9.30am: H. Gonzales, C. Gonzales
Readers	Vigil: C. Rodrigues, L. Bellissimo 8am: F. Paiva, B. Motha 9.30am: A. Walker, K. Huihui
Altar Servers	Vigil: B. Spadaro, J Spadaro 8am: Volunteers 9.30am: Volunteers
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults Group
Musicians	Vigil: Christine Clarke & Christine Woodward 8am: Fr. Henry 9.30am: Christine Clarke & Christine Woodward
Flowers	Claudette & Judith
Church Cleaning	21 Nov Cathy Hutchings Annette Peatman Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Volunteer 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Georgina Basili

16/17 November

Acolytes	Vigil: Daniel La Guidara 8am: Jerome Irudayaraj 9.30am: Fayelene Kennedy
Ministers	Vigil: T. Perak, L. La Guidara 8am: M. Santos, S. Manamperi 9.30am: C. Brooks, E. Miu
Readers	Vigil: A. Punch, M. Simic 8am: J. Cabasa, K. Walker 9.30am: E. Pieris, M. Aquino
Altar Servers	Vigil: A. La Guidara, C. La Guidara, L. Sadipoor 8am: Volunteers 9.30am: J. Pieris, M. Pieris, C. Attard
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Parish Office
Musicians	Vigil: K. Thoms & C. Woodward 8am: Fr. Henry 9.30am: Christine Clarke & Christine Woodward
Flowers	Fennie & Angela
Church Cleaning	27 Nov Jessie Borg Anne McNally Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Ugre 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Sastina Pieris

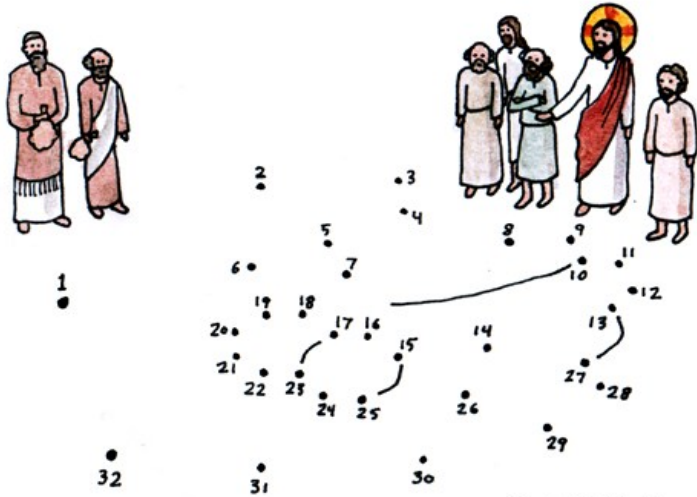
The Kids' Bulletin

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 10th, 2024

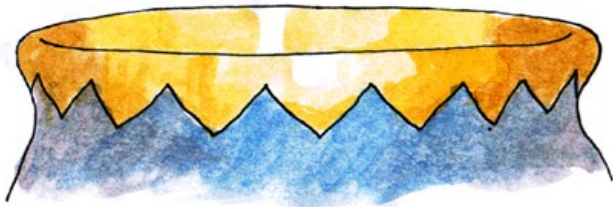
The Widow's Mite

But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Mark 12:42

Based on Mark 12:38-44



Mark 12:38-44



In today's Gospel reading Jesus saw a poor woman putting everything she had into the Temple treasury. How much was it? Connect the dots to find out!



Each number below represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

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- 6-2-12-19 _____
- 21-24-24-6 _____
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PENNY	OFFERINGS	RICH	POOR	POVERTY
COPPER	WEALTH	MONEY	COINS	TEMPLE

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