

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 18th May 2025 • Year C



Let us Pray for the Sick

Florence Arinaran, Lorenzo Balabat, Sarah Bartolo, Max Barrett, Irene Cabasa, Lawrence Charles, Ben Dixon, Alma Caguimbal, Para Dias, Mary Camilleri, John Crowther, Lucia Fernando, Renuka Fernando, Philippe Honore, Lynnda Lim-Huynh, Anthony Janicska, Tristen Jantzen, Odette James, Mary Jordan, Klare Kinsley, Paul Leong, Melissa Mead, Blago Milicevic, Zeferino Jayson Morales, Maricar Poblete, Veronica Portelli, Debra Price, Camy Ratnam, Olivia, Sue Tipaldo, Vivian Tomines, 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: Pope Francis, Felicia Catherine Ashburner, Guy Cassar, Charlie Calleja, Gerald, Theresa & Charlie Chetcuti, Maria Dalgado, Kevin Dougherty, Irene Dassanayaka, Mariel De Soysa, Long Duong, Leo Ngan, Jesusa Maestrecampo, Mangala Ratnam, Dennis Siva, Caroline Stevenson, Marivic Valderamma.

Anniversaries: Astride Abeleda, Mary Alagiah, T.F Augustine, Horace Baptist, Ronald Barley, Romeo Biniahan, Elaine Bosen, Frank & Fortunata Baiada, Denis Brophy, Rosario Cabasa, Carmela Carboni, Catherine Chandra, Joseph Chary, Saro Chary, Aloysean Corera, Joseph & Mary Camenzuli, Stella Cini, Jim Daly, Edmundo Deloso, Manel De Soysa, Dulcie & Samuel Duraisamy, Georgina Falzon, Mark Falzon, John Fernando, Nevis Fernando, M.A Fernando, Emmanuel Francis, Juliet Francis, Anthony Garcia, Francisca Garcia, Teodoro Garcia, Zenaida Garcia, Christine Gomez, Josephine Gomez, Helen Hili, Rita Hili, S.M John, Cameron Jones, Oliver Jordan, Matta Loi Nguyen, Jim McNally, April Marabe, Albert Moroney, Xavier Motha Jnr, Paul Mula, Lissy, Jose & Mary Kutty, Tony Muscat, Jacintah Noronha, John & Eamon O'Sullivan, Custodio Palmos Jnr, Cordula Paiva, Adrian Pereira, John Portelli, Cornelio & Iuminada Rondario, Michael Sant, Mary Silva, Rosary Silva, Melchor Usman, Dionisio Udan, Domingo Villarta Jnr.

Remembrance: Neil Amaratunga, Gregorio Almodovar, France Angseeing, Carmen Attard, Lydia, Peter & Helen Bonnici, Charlie Borg, Richard Bowely, Rolily Burac, Marlene Busac, Barrie Chamberlain, Ceferino, Rosario, Renato & Marilyn Cabasa, Fe Licup Camen, Dennis Clarke, Myrna Cruz, Saviour Caruana, Tania McGove, Sam & Silvia Debattista, Carmen, Jimmy, Antonia, Tania, Tony, Vicki, Louie, Joe & Launcer De Guire, O.Francis, J. Francis, Joseph & Carmena Formosa, Melvyn Fernandes, Nevis Fernando, Sammy Formosa, Mario & Joe Gat, Maximilian & Julian Epondulan, Ngan Siu Eng, Sam Gabo, Mary & Sam Galea, Evangelina Garcia, Leandro Snr Garcia, Jose Garcia, Teodoro Garcia, Constance Gaycroft, Selvam Irudayaraj, Sylvio, George, Olga Jthier, Jonathan Tek Kie, Harold, Marc, Rosine Lafuer, Sheena Landagan, A. Mansoor, Apolinario & Felina Maglaya, John & Maureen Mead, Pauline Meilak, Cole Ngan, Mangion & Cini Family, William & Emilia Mifsud, Joseph & Doris Mifsud, Mary Mifsud, Sashin Patrick Manamperi, Anton & Lourda Motha, Louis, Bertu & Paula Mula, Stephen & Joseph Mula, Mary & Francis Muscat, Peter John & Carmelita, Ngan Pin, Tiruselvam Pilomina, John & Eamon O'Sullivan, Eustace Ratnam, John & Roseline Ratnam, Jose & Maria Reyes, Cua Sing, Tony Vassollo, Shane Vaz, Vinnie Zahra, Robert & Leila Zammit, Mary Zammit.

***Names will be published for 4 weeks at a time.*

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 Augseeing on 0467 701 010.

FIRST READING *A reading from the Acts of the Apostle 14:21-27*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. **(R.)**

2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *A reading from the book of Apocalypse 21:1-5*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband.

Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 13:31-35*

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord





Dear friends,

As you know the Gospel reading this Sunday follows the account of the Last Supper in John's Gospel. It contains the heart of the teachings Jesus preached in his three-year long ministry namely his commandment of love, which has become the trademark of Christianity.

In English we seem to have a problem in using the same word 'love' to describe different types of relationships such as between parents and children, or between friends, or between husband and wife, but it is much clearer in Greek, for there are different terms to define love depending on the situations, such as 'philia' to describe the relationship between two friends; 'eros' to indicate what we call sensual love; and 'agape' to express a selfless, unconditional and self-giving love.

Significantly Jesus as we know opted for the word 'agape' in the account to talk about the commandment of love that He expects his disciples to carry out in the Gospel today. Here he ordered them to love each other in a self-giving way just as he has loved them selflessly. According to Jesus, this is not an advice, but rather a duty for his disciples to follow as a visible mark of his discipleship. This is a sign to identify whether one is Jesus' true disciples or not especially in a world filled with people who claim to be Christians but neither their words nor actions reflect the kind of self-giving love Jesus required his followers to have.

Let us ask for the grace from this Eucharist to help increase and strengthen our unconditional and self-giving love Jesus expects us to offer people around us, especially the less fortunate amongst us in our call to bring Jesus to people in our time as Paul and Barnabas did to people in their time as we heard in the first reading today. Have a love-filled week,

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

CONFIRMATION 2025

Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 28th. God bless them on this sacred and meaningful occasion, and may the commitment they make deepen their faith and guide them throughout their spiritual journey.

GROTTO: OLOL JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

We invite children aged 9-14yrs old to join us for our junior youth group meeting on this Sunday 18th May, 3.45pm till 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Food Provided.

MINISTRY ROSTER UPDATE

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.

PLANNED GIVING 2025/26 ENVELOPES

Thank you to all 2nd Collection givers for 2024/25. We will be ordering our envelopes for the next financial year shortly and would like to make sure all our details are correct. If you need to change address or bank details or if your family would like to join our planned giving for the next year please contact the Parish Office on 9622 2920 or complete a New Parishioner Form and we can include you. We really appreciate the generosity by all our Parishioners.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOX RETURN

Thank you all for showing your support to those who are in need around the world through your participation in the Project Compassion program and please bring your Project Compassion Box back to the church ASAP. Thank you.

LOURDES PLAYGROUP

Children aged 0 to 5yrs old and their carers are warmly invited to come and join our playgroup on a Friday during the school term 9.00am-11.00am in the Parish Meeting Room. To attend, please register by 3pm the Thursday prior via Facebook under 'Lourdes Play Group' or contact Maria on 0432 174 056.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

All children who made their First Holy Communion last year and before are invited to serve Mass as Altar servers. Please fill out the application form available at the rear of the church and return it in the Communication Box. The training session will take place at 11am this Sunday 18th May 2025 and new Altar servers will be installed at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 25th May, 2025.

A MORE WELCOMING PARISH

At our last Parish Pastoral Council meeting, the members of the Council had a good discussion about different ways to make our Parish Community more inclusive and more welcoming based on the Pastoral Plan handbook provided by our diocese of Parramatta, we will continue the process of discernment to find the best ways we can move forward in this ministry. In the meantime, may I invite everyone in the Parish to pay more attention to those sitting around you at Mass, give them a good smile and say hi to them either before or after Mass. Many thanks.

BECOME A CATECHIST AN SRE VOLUNTEER!

SRE's are parish volunteers who: Teach and share their faith with children who attend government schools; Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time with young people. OLOL SRE's go into Seven Hills, Seven Hills North, Bert Oldfield, Vardys Road State primary schools School. New volunteer SRE's will be given support, training and teaching materials. Further enquiries please kindly contact Anne McNally 0466 993 159

CANDLE WAX ON THE CHURCH CARPET

Please do not try to remove candle wax on the church carpet by yourselves, for you might make it worse. Instead let our staff know and we ask our carpet cleaners to treat it.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please show your deepest respect for our House of God at Seven Hills by not bringing any food into the church, that includes the crying room. Parents are always encouraged to bring soft toys and crayons for children to work with our weekly bulletin.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Positions Vacant

- Property Lawyer: Diocese of Parramatta
- Communications Lead – Diocesan Pastoral Plan: Diocese of Parramatta

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

Position Vacant: Sacramental program and Special Religious Education Coordinator

St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie is looking for a Sacramental program and Special Religious Education Coordinator. This is a permanent part-time position with 15 hours per week. Please forward applications and resumes to the Parish Secretary secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au by 9 June 2025. For more information contact 9631 3316

Pentecost Scripture Reflection with Dr Deborah Snoddy: 28 May

What does the Holy Spirit look like in your life? How can Scripture stretch our imagination when comes to Pentecost and the Holy Spirit? Register for the Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection Evening with Dr Deborah Snoddy on Wednesday 28 May at 6:30- 8:30pm.

RSVP via parracatholic.org/events/pentecost-scripture-night or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

Diocese of Parramatta's Adult 35 years+ Jubilee Pilgrimage: Bookings close 31 May

Join a life-changing 19-day pilgrimage from 7th till the 25th September 2025, exploring sacred sites in Greece, Turkey, and Rome. Open to adults aged 35 and over, this journey follows St. Paul's path and the early Church, culminating in the Jubilee Year of Hope in Rome. Bookings close on 31st May 2025, with a deposit of \$800 required at the time of booking. The final payment is due by 7 July 2025. Don't miss this incredible faith experience. For more information and to register, visit parracatholic.org/jubilee2025/

Laudato Si' Week (16 – 24 May): Celebrating 10 years of inspiration from Pope Francis

During this Laudato Si' Week, 16 – 24 May, we are invited to celebrate the 10yr anniversary of the inspiring ecological encyclical Laudato Si' of our late Pope Francis and recommit ourselves to caring for God's creation. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Caritas Australia provide resources for prayer and to raise awareness at tinyurl.com/LSW25-resources. More inspiration is available on the website of the international LS Week (celebrated a week later): laudatosiweek.org

FREE Diamond Women Employment Workshop: 20 May in Emerton

Are you a mum returning to work? Are you worried that your resume gaps are holding you back? We can help to change that! We've partnered with Diamond Women to host a series of workshops for mothers. Join us on Tue 20 May from 11am till 1pm at 11 Emert Pde, Emerton NSW the topic is Transforming challenges into growth opportunities. RSVP to marsha@diamondwomen.com.au

Ministry of Care Courses: 4- 25 June

Those who visit the sick and are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and in Homes are invited to attend this course on the Ministry of Care. It will be held Wednesday evenings at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. Attend all 4 sessions to receive a certificate of completion or just attend the session(s) that interest you. Please visit our website via parracatholic.org/events/OFW to reserve a spot or further enquiries, contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211.

Nominations open for the 2025 Papal & Diocesan Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2025 Papal & Diocesan Awards, recognising individuals—both religious and lay—who have made outstanding contributions to the Catholic Church and its community. Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised? Nominations close at midnight on 31 May 2025. For information or to submit a nomination, visit parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/

LOLO SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities: 22-24 May

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on Saturday 22nd of May at St Finbar's Church, Glenbrook for Cycle 2 (Module 5). Safeguarding Renewal Training Cycle 2 (Module 4-5) will be held at St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill on the 24th of May. Please register directly for this training or other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/series=safeguarding-training>. For further information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Supporting the Safety of Our Community

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Seven Hills and The Diocese of Parramatta take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons seriously. This includes past or present forms of abuse. Safeguarding those who are vulnerable is part of the mission that Jesus Christ entrusts to our Church. 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.

Children and Young People's Participation

A Safeguarding culture for Children and Young People is fostered and sustained by our parish being committed to living the Gospel by serving the most vulnerable. Here at OLOL Seven Hills we implement all Arch/Diocesan policies, procedures and community standards that are Child and Young Person centred to lift barriers so their voices can be heard and their participation valued.

OLOL Parish community values and celebrates ALL our Children and Young People for who they are and the great contributions they make to our parish. We therefore have an obligation to uphold their human and spiritual rights. This is achieved at OLOL by: 1. Providing ministries, services and programs that are relevant for Children and Young People including those who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, who are from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and who have a disability; 2. Committing to zero tolerance to any attitude and activity that makes Children and Young People feel less safe; 3. Enhancing relationships between leaders, community members, Children and Young People; and 4. Creating a new perspective to invigorate renewal. We also ensure all our volunteers and staff have an up to date WWCC and completed all safeguard training.

POPE LEO'S REGINA CAELI

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

I consider it a gift from God that the first Sunday of my service as Bishop of Rome is Good Shepherd Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Easter. On this Sunday, we always hear proclaimed at Mass a passage from the tenth chapter from the Gospel of John, where Jesus reveals himself as the true Shepherd: who knows and loves his sheep and gives his life for them.

This Sunday also marks the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which we have celebrated for the last sixty-two years. Rome is also hosting the Jubilee of Bands and Popular Entertainment today. I greet all these pilgrims with affection and thank them because, with their music and performances, they enliven the feast of Christ the Good Shepherd: the One who guides the Church with his Holy Spirit.

In the Gospel, Jesus says that he knows his sheep and that they listen to his voice and follow him (cf. John 10:27). Indeed, as Pope Saint Gregory the Great teaches, people “respond to the love of those who love them” (Homily 14:3-6).

Today brothers and sisters, I therefore have the joy of praying with you and all the People of God for vocations, especially those to the priesthood and consecrated life. The Church has such a great need for them!

It is important that young men and women on their vocational journey find *acceptance*, *listening* and the *encouragement* in their communities, and that they can look up to credible models of generous dedication to God and to their brothers and sisters.

Let us take up the invitation that Pope Francis left us in his **Message for today**: the invitation to welcome and accompany young people. And let us ask our heavenly Father to assist us in living in service to one another, each according to his or her state of life, shepherds after his own heart (cf. Jer 3:15) capable of helping one another to walk in love and truth. And to young people, I say: “Do not be afraid! Accept the invitation of the Church and of Christ the Lord!”

May the Virgin Mary, whose entire life was a response to the Lord’s call, always accompany us in following Jesus.

After the Regina Caeli

Dear brothers and sisters,

The immense tragedy of the Second World War ended eighty years ago, on the 8th of May, after having claimed sixty million victims. In today’s dramatic scenario of a piecemeal third world war, as Pope Francis stated many times, I too address the world’s leaders, repeating the ever-timely appeal: “Never again war!”.

I carry in my heart the sufferings of the beloved Ukrainian people. May everything possible be done to reach an authentic, just and lasting peace, as soon as possible. Let all the prisoners be freed and the children return to their own families.

I am deeply saddened by what is happening in the Gaza Strip: may there be an immediate ceasefire! Let the humanitarian aid be provided to the stricken civil population, and let all the hostages be freed.

On the other hand, I have welcomed with satisfaction the announcement of the ceasefire between India and Pakistan, and I hope that through the upcoming negotiations, a lasting accord may be reached soon.

But how many other conflicts there are in the world! I entrust this heartfelt appeal to the Queen of Peace, so that she may present it to the Lord Jesus to obtain for us the miracle of peace.

And now I affectionately greet you all, Romans and pilgrims from various countries. I greet the members of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the group of doctors from Granada (Spain), the faithful of Malta, Panama, Dallas (Texas), Valladolid, Torreldones (Madrid), Montesilvano, and Cinisi (Palermo).

I greet the participants in the “Let’s choose life” demonstration, the young people of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary Immaculate and Saint Francis of Assisi, of Reggio Emilia.

Today in Italy and in other countries we celebrate Mother’s Day. I send a fond greeting to all mothers, with a prayer for them, and for those who are already in Heaven.

Happy Mother’s Day to all mothers!

Thank you all, a happy Sunday to everyone!

In an interview with Vatican Media, the new prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, Archbishop Robert Prevost, says, "We are often worried about teaching doctrine, but we risk forgetting that our first duty is to communicate the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus."

Q: One of the novelties the Pope has introduced was to appoint three women among the members of the Dicastery for Bishops. What can you say about their contribution?

On several occasions we have seen that their point of view is an enrichment. Two are religious and one is a laywoman, and often their perspective coincides perfectly with what the other members of the dicastery say; while at other times, their opinion introduces another perspective and becomes an important contribution to the process.

I think their appointment is more than just a gesture on the part of the Pope to say that there are now women here, too. There is a real, genuine, and meaningful participation that they offer at our meetings when we discuss the dossiers of candidates.

Q: The new norms for combating abuse have increased the responsibility of bishops, who are called upon to act promptly and to answer for any delays and omissions. How is this task experienced by the bishop?

We are on a journey with regard to this as well.

There are places where good work has already been done for years and the rules are being put into practice. At the same time, I believe that there is still much to learn.

I am talking about the urgency and responsibility of accompanying victims. One of the difficulties that many times arise is that the bishop must be close to his priests, as I have already said, and he must be close to the victims. Some recommend that it not be the bishop directly who receives the victims; but we cannot close our hearts, the door of the Church, to people who have suffered from abuse.

The responsibility of the bishop is great, and I think we still have to make great efforts to respond to this situation that is causing so much pain in the Church. It will take time. We are trying to work together with the other dicasteries.

I believe it is part of the mission of our dicastery to accompany bishops who have not received the necessary preparation to deal with this issue. It is urgent and necessary that we be more responsible and more sensitive to this.

Q: The laws are there now. It is more difficult to change a mentality...

Certainly, there are many differences between one culture and another on how one reacts in these situations. In some countries, the taboo of talking about the subject has already been broken somewhat, while there are other places where victims, or victims' families, would never want to talk about the abuse they have suffered.

In any case, silence is not an answer. Silence is not the solution. We must be transparent and honest, we must accompany and assist the victims, because otherwise their wounds will never heal. There is a great responsibility in this, for all of us.

Q: The Church is engaged in the path that will lead to the Synod on Synodality. What is the role of the bishop?

There is a great opportunity in this continuous renewal of the Church that Pope Francis is inviting us to promote. On the one hand, there are bishops who openly express their fear, because they do not understand where the Church is going. Perhaps they prefer the security of answers already experienced in the past.

I truly believe that the Holy Spirit is very present in the Church at this time and is pushing us towards a renewal and therefore we are called to the great responsibility of living what I call a new attitude.

It is not just a process, it is not just changing some ways of doing things, maybe holding more meetings before making a decision. It is much more.

But it is also what perhaps causes certain difficulties, because at the end of the day we must be able to listen first of all to the Holy Spirit, to what He is asking of the Church.

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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 meeting Thursday 12th June 2025, 10.30am– 1pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate to share. Look forward to seeing you there.

Lourdes: Luminate Young Adults Group

The next group night will be in May. 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 rabel24@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.

MAY 2025

21	Confirmation Meeting—3rd	6.30pm
24	Confirmation Meeting—3rd RPT	4.30pm
28	Confirmation Mass	7.00pm

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

17/18 May

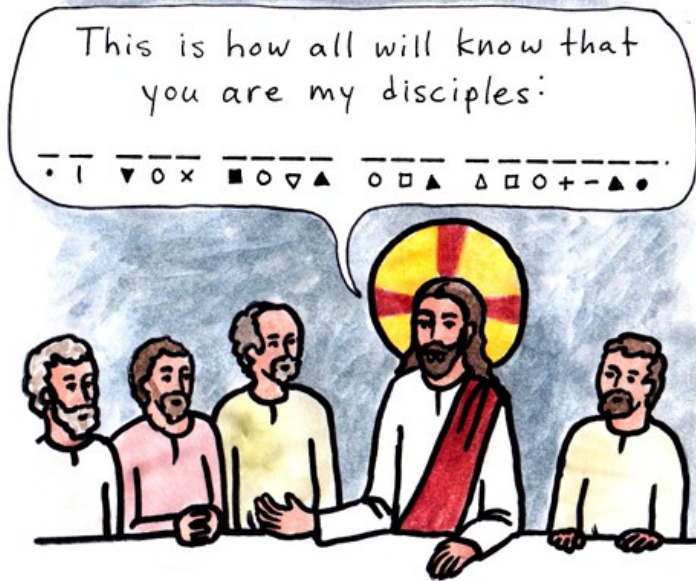
Acolytes	Vigil: Frank Paiva 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am: SUB RQD	
Ministers	Vigil: B.Motha, N. Shami 8am: L.Fernandes, F.Kennedy 9.30am: M.Aquino, M.Michael	
Readers	Vigil: A.Punch, T.Perak 8am: J.Irudayaraj, A.McNally 9.30am: E. Vinoth Pieris, C.Diaz	
Altar Servers	Vigil: A.Monteiro, E.Reardon, M.Gluvic 8am: H.Winter, Volunteer 9.30am: M.Pieris, J.Pieris, C.Attard	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Parish Office	
Musicians	Vigil: K.Thoms & C.Woodward 8am: Fr Henry & Christine Clarke 9.30am: Christine Clarke 5.00pm: Max's Chorale	
Flowers	Fennie & Angela	
Church Cleaning	15 May	Cathy Hutchings Annette Peatman Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Urge 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Sastina Pieris	

24/25 May

Acolytes	Vigil: Derick Soares 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am: Ryan Epondulan	
Ministers	Vigil: M.Simic, J.Franco 8am: E.Gartner, M.Santos 9.30am: P.Gow, C.Brooks	
Readers	Vigil: C.Rodrigues, A.Franco 8am: J.Mai, K.Walker 9.30am: J.Nonato, A.Han	
Altar Servers	Vigil: D.Sant, J.Sant, J.Hoang 8am: K.Maruthanayagam, Volunteer 9.30am: J.Martinez, O.Martinez	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Couples for Christ	
Musicians	Vigil: Nina's Group 8am: Christine Clarke 9.30am: Nina's Group	
Flowers	Annette & Mary	
Church Cleaning	28 May	Jessie Borg Anne McNally Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Volunteer 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Georgina Basili	

The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18th, 2025



*What did Jesus tell His disciples
in today's Gospel reading?
Use the code below to find out!*

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John 13:31-35



JESUS LOVES US ALL!



A New Commandment

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34

The puzzle is based on John 13:31-35 (NIV).

"Love one another as I have loved you."



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COMMAND	KNOW	DISCIPLES	ANOTHER	GLORIFY
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