

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 11th 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, Vivienne Cameron, Guy Cassar, Murial Chary, Charlie Calleja, Albert Cheng, Gerald, Theresa & Charlie Chetcuti, Blaise Costa, Maria Dalgado, Irene Dassanayaka, Kevin Dougherty, Mariel De Soysa, Padmini De Seram, Randy De Silva, Long Duong, Sandra Eichhorn, Henrieta Fernando, Rienzie Fernando, Jasmin Fernando, Ethan Garcia, Ricardo Garcia, Jean, Elsie, Karl, Gervais Garrick, Cynthia Lopez, Jesusa Maestrecampo, Leo Ngan, Etelka Petkovics, Eustace Ratnam, Mangala Ratnam, Suranjith Rebera, Dennis Siva, Caroline Stevenson, Julius Suseno, Marivic Valderamma.

Anniversaries: Astride Abeleda, Mary Alagiah, Elvina Barnaba, 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, Marel De Soysa, Dulcie & Samuel Duraisamy, Georgina Falzon, Mark Falzon, Luiga Famugia, John Fernando, Nevis Fernando, M.A Fernando, Emmanuel Francis, Juliet Francis, Martina Galea, Anthony Garcia, Francisca Garcia, Teodoro Garcia, Zenaida Garcia, Christine Gomez, Josephine Gomez, Helen Hili, Rita Hili, S.M John, Cameron Jones, Jim McNally, April Marabe, Albert Moroney, Xavier Motha Jnr, Paul Mula, Lissy, Jose & Mary Kutty, Tony Muscat, Jacintah Noronha, John & Eamon O'Sullivan, Custodio Pamos Jnr, Cordula Paiva, Adrian Pereira, John Portelli, Jose & Maria Reyes, Estileta Riveral, Cornelio & Iluminada Rondario, Michael Sant, Mary Silva, Rosary Silva, Loreta Laberinto Udan, 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, Catarina Camilleri, Dennis Clarke, Myrna Cruz, Saviour Caruana, Tania McGove, Sam & Silvia Debattista, Carmen, Jimmy, Antonia, Tania, Tony, Vicki, Louie, Joe & Lancer 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, Evangeline Garcia, Leandro Snr Garcia, Jose Garcia, Teodoro Garcia, Paul Garland, Constance Gaycroft, Selvam Irudayaraj, Jonathan Tek Kie, Harold, Marc, Rosine Lafluer, 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 13:14,43-52*

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *A reading from the book of Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10:27-30*

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'



Dear friends,

Sheep, as we know, were very important to people in Jesus' time, for they provided meat to consume, milk to drink, wool to make clothing, and people also even used their horns as oil containers and as musical instruments. Interestingly, the word 'sheep' appears more than 500 times in the Bible.

H.V. Morton, a travel writer in his 'In the Steps of the Master' in 1934 recounted how the shepherds in the Holy Land interacted with their sheep by calling out to them in a loud sing-song voice and how they spent the night with the flocks in a cave. In the morning, they began to count them by calling the sheep one by one out of the sheepfold and led them to the pasture. Perhaps, this is an accurate description of what Jesus said in the Gospel this Third Sunday of Easter to define his close and intimate relationship with his disciples and followers, that 'the sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.'

Apart from his ability to relate in a loving way to us his disciples, Jesus is also capable of giving us something out of this world, something no one can match, namely eternal life, and we, his followers begin to enter into it through the sacred door of Baptism and then through our participation in other sacraments in the Church, especially the Eucharist as we receive the Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.

For our part, we got to listen to his voice and follow his way. We listen to his voice speaking to us in the Scriptures and his representatives, and we follow his way by living out what he wants us to do which is to do good to God and all peoples.

Another important point Jesus also singles out in the Gospel this Sunday is about his unity as one with God, our Father, our Creator. 'The Father and I are one,' said Jesus at the end of the Gospel account. Consequently, it is safe for us to say that if we listen to Jesus' voice, follow his way and become one with him through our participation in the Eucharist, we shall become one with God as well. This truly is an unbelievable honour for all of us.

Traditionally this Third Sunday of Easter is also called the Good Shepherd Sunday and the gospel account helps explain why it bears such a name, so we are invited to pray for all Church leaders and for more vocations as ordained ministers to serve God's people, we pray that they shall have the Good Shepherd qualities of Jesus, or 'the smell of sheep' as our late Pope Francis often said.

We also pray for the grace to verify that we do listen to Jesus' voice and follow his way by the way we live out his dual commandment of love, so we shall be worthy of the reward of eternal life Jesus has promised us.

Have a charity-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.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS 5PM

Next Sunday the 18th of May we have our additional mass at 5.00pm. It is an extra opportunity for our parishioners, especially the young ones to attend Mass on Sunday.

GROTTO: OLOL JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

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

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.

LOURDES PLAYGROUP

Please kindly note that Playgroup will be on pause for the next Friday, 16th of May. It will resume the following Friday 23rd of May, 9.00-11.00am in the Parish Meeting Room, children aged 0 to 5yrs old and their carers are welcome to come along during any part of that time. To attend, please register by 3pm the Thursday prior via Facebook under 'Ourdes Play Group' or contact Maria on 0432 174 056.

HOLY COMMUNION HOME VISITS

If you know of or are a local parishioner needing a home visit and Holy Communion, please contact Deacon Thong on 0452 210 951 or the parish office.

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 on Sunday 18 May 2025 and new Altar servers will be installed at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 25 May, 2025.

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.

SEWING VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Do you have a gift in sewing and able to spare a small amount of time to help our Sacramental Coordinator with the sewing of a few religious garments and cloths. If so, please kindly contact Artelle in the Parish office.

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.

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Mother's Day

DIOCESAN NEWS

Positions Vacant

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

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

Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers: 13 May

In this Jubilee Year of Hope all liturgical ministers - readers, servers and extra ordinary ministers are invited to join us for our Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers. Families and friends are also invited. This celebration will take place 7:30pm, 13 May 2025, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. To register your attendance and guests visit parracatholic.org/events/liturgical-ministers-commissioning-mass/

Registrations now open Diocesan Retreat Opportunities

The Diocese is hosting three retreat opportunities for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the to step away from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat - a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Registrations are now open. For more details and to register, see the three options of retreats below:

May 24: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-24-may/>

August 16: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/>

November 15: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/>

Free information session on Pathways to Certificate III in Early Childhood Education & Care: 13 May

Love working with kids? Get ready to launch your career in Childhood Education & Care with Macquarie Community College. Learn about childhood development, safety and educational play. An information session will be held on Tuesday 13 May at 10:30am at Catholic Care's community centre, Mamre House and Farm, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills. For further information, contact Catholic Care WSBM 8843 2500.

Divine Retreat Centre offerings in May 2025

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is hosting a variety of single-day and weekend residential retreats throughout May. All are welcome, no bookings required. For more information, please visit www.divineretreatcentre.org or contact (02) 4372 1598

OLOL 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

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.

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

During Laudato Si' Week, 16 – 24 May, we are invited to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the inspiring ecological encyclical "Laudato Si" of our late Pope and recommit ourselves to caring for God's creation. All are invited to a launch event themed "Turn Debt into Hope" hosted by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Caritas Australia. The launch will via a webinar on 16 May, 12pm-1pm to raise awareness of unjust international debts that are crushing many developing countries. Register at caritas.org.au/debt. More information can be found at: laudatosiweek.org

FaithLIFE Theology Short Course: Wednesdays in May

Considering learning about theology? Interested in faith seek understanding? Looking to learn more about the Jubilee Year of Hope? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Theology short course with Alison Ryan from MET on Wednesdays 7, 14 and 21 May: parracatholic.org/faithlife

Schoenstatt's Annual Marian Pilgrimage: 18 May

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will be celebrating Mass at Schoenstatt Shrine in 18 May at 10:30am. Join us from 9:30am for Reconciliation, Mass a Eucharistic procession, and more. This is an outdoor event so please bring your own chairs. Drinks & food will be available for purchase. All Pilgrim Mother Coordinators are encouraged to bring along your Pilgrim Mother Shrines. For more information contact Sr. M. Rita: 0493 026 628 srrita@schoenstatt.org.au or visit schoenstatt.org.au or FB page: /MtSchoenstattMulgoa/

Marriage Enrichment Weekend: 23-25 May

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on the 23rd-25th May at a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or please kindly contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or via nswbookings@wwme.org.au

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/

Harassment, Discrimination and Bullying

Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hills Parish strives to achieve a healthy and safe workplace by addressing the issue of harassment, discrimination and workplace bullying. OLOL will not tolerate any form of harassment, discrimination or bullying in the workplace including sexual harassment. Any volunteer who is found to have acted in such a manner may have their voluntary role terminated. If you think bullying or harassment is happening, you can talk to:

- Your supervisor/Parish Priest;
- The Office of Safeguarding; or
- The Chancery's Human Resources department.

Responsibility

The protection of all vulnerable people is not something to be added to the to-do list. All volunteers of the Church have a responsibility to ensure the safeguarding of all peoples. It is everyone's responsibility and it must be embedded into everything that happens in our Church.

The first Augustinian Pope, Leo XIV is the second Roman Pontiff - after Pope Francis - from the Americas. Unlike Jorge Mario Bergoglio, however, the 69-year-old Robert Francis Prevost is from the northern part of the continent, though he spent many years as a missionary in Peru before being elected head of the Augustinians for two consecutive terms.

First Augustinian Pope

The new Bishop of Rome was born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, to Louis Marius Prevost, of French and Italian descent, and Mildred Martínez, of Spanish descent. He has two brothers, Louis Martín and John Joseph. He spent his childhood and adolescence with his family and studied first at the Minor Seminary of the Augustinian Fathers and then at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, where in 1977 he earned a Degree in Mathematics and also studied Philosophy.

On September 1 of the same year, Prevost entered the novitiate of the Order of Saint Augustine (O.S.A.) in Saint Louis, in the Province of Our Lady of Good Counsel of Chicago, and made his first profession on September 2, 1978.

On August 29, 1981, he made his solemn vows.

The future Pontiff received his theological education at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. At the age of 27, he was sent by his superiors to Rome to study Canon Law at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum).

In Rome, he was ordained a priest on June 19, 1982, at the Augustinian College of Saint Monica by Archbishop Jean Jadot, then pro-president of the Secretariat for Non-Christians, which later became the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and then the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue.

Prevost obtained his licentiate in 1984 and the following year, while preparing his doctoral thesis, was sent to the Augustinian mission in Chulucanas, Piura, Peru (1985–1986). In 1987, he defended his doctoral thesis on "The Role of the Local Prior in the Order of Saint Augustine" and was appointed vocation director and missions director of the Augustinian Province of "Mother of Good Counsel" in Olympia Fields, Illinois (USA).

Mission in Peru

The following year, he joined the mission in Trujillo, also in Peru, as director of the joint formation project for Augustinian candidates from the vicariates of Chulucanas, Iquitos, and Apurímac.

Over the course of eleven years, he served as prior of the community (1988–1992), formation director (1988–1998), and instructor for professed members (1992–1998), and in the Archdiocese of Trujillo as judicial vicar (1989–1998) and professor of Canon Law, Patristics, and Moral Theology at the Major Seminary "San Carlos y San Marcelo." At the same time, he was also entrusted with the pastoral care of Our Lady Mother of the Church, later established as the parish of Saint Rita (1988–1999), in a poor suburb of the city, and was parish administrator of Our Lady of Monserrat from 1992 to 1999.

In 1999, he was elected Provincial Prior of the Augustinian Province of "Mother of Good Counsel" in Chicago, and two and a half years later, the ordinary General Chapter of the Order of Saint Augustine, elected him as Prior General, confirming him in 2007 for a second term.

In October 2013, he returned to his Augustinian Province in Chicago, serving as director of formation at the Saint Augustine Convent, first councilor, and provincial vicar—roles he held until Pope Francis appointed him on November 3, 2014, as Apostolic Administrator of the Peruvian Diocese of Chiclayo, elevating him to the episcopal dignity as Titular Bishop of Sufar.

He entered the Diocese on November 7, in the presence of Apostolic Nuncio James Patrick Green, who ordained him Bishop just over a month later, on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in the Cathedral of Saint Mary.

His episcopal motto is "In Illo uno unum"—words pronounced by Saint Augustine in a sermon on Psalm 127 to explain that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."

Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, from 2015 to 2023

On September 26, 2015, he was appointed Bishop of Chiclayo by Pope Francis. In March 2018, he was elected second vice-president of the Peruvian Episcopal Conference, where he also served as a member of the Economic Council and president of the Commission for Culture and Education.

In 2019, Pope Francis appointed him a member of the Congregation for the Clergy (July 13, 2019), and in 2020, a member of the Congregation for Bishops (November 21). Meanwhile, on April 15, 2020, he was also appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Peruvian Diocese of Callao.

Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops

On January 30, 2023, the Pope called him to Rome as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, promoting him to the rank of Archbishop.

Created Cardinal in 2024

Pope Francis created him Cardinal in the Consistory of September 30 that year and assigned him the Diaconate of Saint Monica. He officially took possession of it on January 28, 2024.

As head of the Dicastery, he participated in the Pope's most recent Apostolic Journeys and in both the first and second sessions of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on synodality, held in Rome from October 4 to 29, 2023, and from October 2 to 27, 2024, respectively.

Meanwhile, on October 4, 2023, Pope Francis appointed him as a member of the Dicasteries for Evangelization (Section for First Evangelization and New Particular Churches), for the Doctrine of the Faith, for the Eastern Churches, for the Clergy, for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, for Culture and Education, for Legislative Texts, and of the Pontifical Commission for the Vatican City State.

Finally, on February 6 of this year, the Argentine Pope promoted him to the Order of Bishops, granting him the title of the Suburbicarian Church of Albano.

Three days later, on February 9, he celebrated the Mass presided over by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square for the Jubilee of the Armed Forces, the second major event of the Holy Year of Hope.

During the most recent hospitalization of his predecessor at the "Gemelli" hospital, Prevost presided over the Rosary for Pope Francis's health in Saint Peter's Square on March 3.

ARCHBISHOP PREVOST: 'THE BISHOP IS A PASTOR, NOT A MANAGER' By Andrea Torielli

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."

At the age of 67, Archbishop Robert Prevost is beginning his "novitiate" as prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops. An Augustinian friar, Robert Francis Prevost was born in the US city of Chicago, and served first as a missionary and later as bishop in Chiclayo, Peru, before being chosen by Pope Francis to succeed Cardinal Marc Ouellet. In the following interview with Vatican Media, he sketches a portrait of the type of bishop needed today.

Q: What has it mean for you to go from being a missionary bishop in Latin America to leading the dicastery that helps the Pope choose bishops?

Archbishop Prevost: I still consider myself a missionary. My vocation, like that of every Christian, is to be a missionary, to proclaim the Gospel wherever one is.

Certainly, my life has changed a lot: I have the opportunity to serve the Holy Father, to serve the Church today, here, from the Roman Curia. [It is] a very different mission from before, but also a new opportunity to live a dimension of my life, which simply was always answering 'Yes' when asked to do a service. With this spirit, I ended my mission in Peru, after eight and a half years as a bishop and almost twenty years as a missionary, to begin a new one in Rome.

Q: Could you offer an "identikit" of a bishop for the Church of our time?

First and foremost, he must be 'Catholic': sometimes the bishop risks focusing only on the local dimension. But a bishop should have a much broader vision of the Church and reality, and experience the universality of the Church. He also needs the ability to listen to his neighbour and seek advice, as well as psychological and spiritual maturity. A fundamental element of the portrait of a bishop is being a pastor, capable of being close to the members of the community, starting with the priests for whom the bishop is father and brother. To live this closeness to all, without excluding anyone.

Pope Francis has spoken of four types of closeness: closeness to God, to brother bishops, to priests, and to all God's people. One must not give in to the temptation to live isolated, separated in a palace, satisfied with a certain social level or a certain level within the Church.

And we must not hide behind an idea of authority that no longer makes sense today. The authority we have is to serve, to accompany priests, to be pastors and teachers.

We are often preoccupied with teaching doctrine, the way of living our faith, but we risk forgetting that our first task is to teach what it means to know Jesus Christ and to bear witness to our closeness to the Lord. This comes first: to communicate the beauty of the faith, the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus. It means that we ourselves are living it and sharing this experience.

Q: How important is the bishop's service of unity around the Successor of Peter in a time when polarisation is also growing in the ecclesial community?

The three words we are using in the work of the Synod participation, communion, and mission provide the answer. The bishop is called to this charism, to live the spirit of communion, to promote unity in the Church, unity with the Pope. This also means being Catholic, because without Peter, where is the Church? Jesus prayed for this at the Last Supper, 'That all may be one,' and it is this unity that we wish to see in the Church.

Today, society and culture take us away from that vision of Jesus, and this does so much harm. The lack of unity is a wound that the Church suffers, a very painful one.

Divisions and polemics in the Church do not help anything. We bishops especially must accelerate this movement towards unity, towards communion in the Church.

Q: Can the process for the appointment of new bishops be improved? Praedicate Evangelium states that 'members of the people of God' must be involved. Is this happening?

We had an interesting reflection among the members of the Dicastery on this issue. For some time now, not only some bishops or some priests, but also other members of the people of God are being heard. This is very important, because the bishop is called to serve a particular Church. Therefore, listening to the people of God is also important.

If a candidate is not known by anyone among his people, it is difficult not impossible, but difficult for him to truly become pastor of a community, of a local Church. So, it is important that the process is a little more open to listening to different members of the community.

This does not mean that it is the local Church that has to choose its pastor, as if being called to be a bishop was the result of a democratic vote, of an almost 'political' process. A much broader view is needed, and the apostolic nunciatures help a lot in this. I believe that, little by little, we need to open up more, to listen a little more to the religious, the laity.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

GENERAL NOTICES...

NEW TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES? HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

Welcome. Wherever you are in your faith journey, it is great to have you. Please visit our website or call the parish office. We're here to serve you. www.olol7hills.org.au

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/OLOL7Hills/>

SICK AND/OR HOMEBOUND?

Would you like to receive Communion? Or seriously ill or in danger of death? We have dedicated ministers who can visit and bring you communion. Feel free to approach or call Fr Henry for the Holy Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office 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: Luminare 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

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14	Confirmation Meeting—2nd	6.30pm
17	Confirmation Meeting—2nd RPT	4.30pm
18	'Grotto' Junior Youth Meeting	
21	Confirmation Meeting—3rd	6.30pm
24	Confirmation Meeting—3rd RPT	4.30pm

LOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

10/11 May

Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am: Eugene Mi	
Ministers	Vigil: M. Mifsud, F. Paiva 8am: E. Gartner, J. Sarmiento 9.30am: M. Aquino, K. Huihui	
Readers	Vigil: N. Sumcad, N. Do Rosario 8am: M. Santos, P. Ferriols 9.30am: K. Huihui, N. Arambulo	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Jacob & Benjamin Spadaro, Chris Bellamin 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: K. Cassaniti, L. Sadipoor	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults Group	
Musicians	Vigil: OFS 8am: Fr Henry 9.30am: Tongan Choir	
Flowers	Claudette & Siani	
Church Cleaning	10 May	Tongan Community Edgar Cabrera Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Volunteer 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Raul Nigli	

17/18 May

Acolytes	Vigil: Frank Paiva 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am: Ramzee Michael	
Ministers	Vigil: B.Motha, N. Shami 8am: L.Fernandes, F.Kennedy 9.30am: B.Chandler, 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.Glivic 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: 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	

The Kids' Bulletin

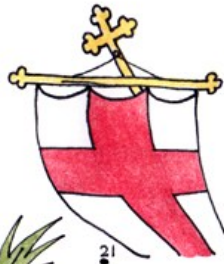
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11th, 2025

Safe in His Hands

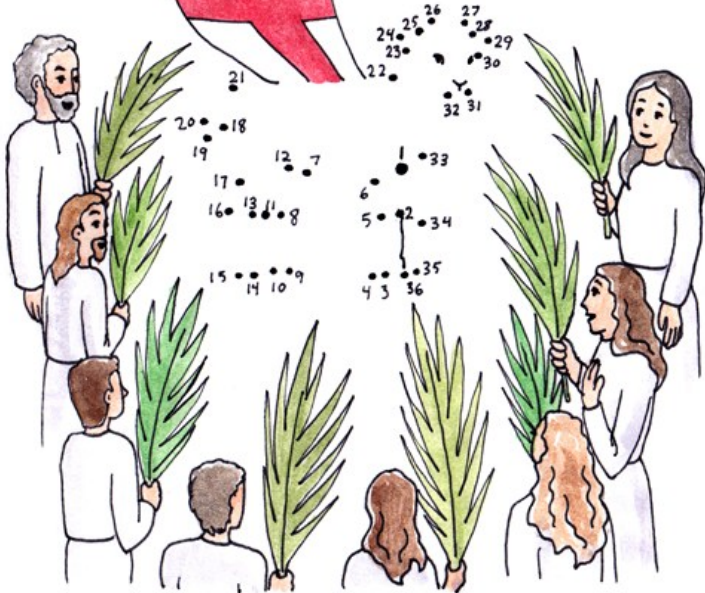


I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. John 10:28 (NIV)

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.

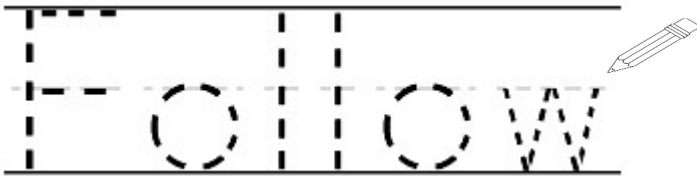


John 10:27-30



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2.	6.
3.	7.
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In today's second reading Saint John saw a great multitude gathered around someone. Connect the dots to find out who it was.



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follow	eternal	listen	sheep
hand	perish	life	voice



FOLLOW	FATHER	VOICE	HAND	PERISH
TESTIFY	ETERNAL	BELIEVE	KNOW	LISTEN
SHEEP	MESSIAH	GREATER	WORKS	LIFE