

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

*"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."*

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 25th May 2025 • Year C



### Let us Pray for the Sick

Florence Arinanan, Lorenzo Balabat, Sarah Bartolo, Max Barrett, Irene Cabasa, Lawrence Charles, Ben Dixon, Alma Caguimbal, Para Dias, Mary Camilleri, John Crowther, Lucia Fernando, Renuka Fernando, Tracy Galea, 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, 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](mailto: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, Charlie Calleja, Gerald, Theresa & Charlie Chetcuti, Maria Dalgado, Kevin Dougherty, Long Duong, Mariel De Soysa, Patrick Essey, David Joseph, Jesusa Maestrecampo, Dennis Siva, 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, Frank & Maurice Camenzuli, 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, M.A Fernando, Emmanuel Francis, Juliet Francis, Anthony Garcia, Francisca 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, John Moore, Jacintah Noronha, John & Eamon O'Sullivan, Custodio Palmos Jnr, Cordula Paiva, Heliodore Paiva, Adrian Pereira, John Portelli, Cornelio & Iluminada Rondario, 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, Sam Borg, Richard Bowely, Rolily Burac, Marlene Busac, Peter John & Carmelita, 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, Evangeline 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 Mulla, Mary & Francis Muscat, Ngan Pin, Tiruselvan Pilomina, John & Eamon O'Sullivan, Eustace Ratnam, Jose & Maria Reyes, John & Roseline Ratnam, 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 Augseesing on 0467 701 010.

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**FIRST READING** *A reading from the Acts of the Apostle 15:1-2,22-29*

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**(R)** O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

2. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

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

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**GOSPEL** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:23-29*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord



Dear friends,

In the Church, a general or ecumenical council means a meeting of bishops and other Church authorities to consider and rule on questions of Christian doctrine, administration, discipline and other matters, and as we know, the Second Vatican Council was convoked by St John XXIII in 1962 neither to combat any error nor to deal with disciplinary issues, but to update the Church and to open it up to the needs of the modern world, and the first Council known as the Council of Nicaea was convoked by the Roma Emperor Constantine I in 325AD to deal with Arianism which proclaimed that Christ is the greatest of creatures, but not himself divine.

However, long before the Nicaea Council there was another that one took place in Jerusalem to deal with the issue of circumcision in the Early Church as we find in the first reading this Sunday, though it hasn't been called a Council.

Unfortunately, we have only the introduction and the conclusion of the story and have missed out its most interesting part which tells us how Paul, Barnabas and a group of representatives travelled from Antioch to Jerusalem to argue with Peter, other Apostles and Jewish Christians against the observation of circumcision as a ritual requirement for Church membership.

The writer of the book actually told us that the two groups in fact had some heated discussions, and eventually Peter had to intervene and make the decision in favour of Paul. Peter challenged all participants that 'Why do you lay on the disciples a burden that neither our ancestors nor we ourselves were able to carry? We believe, in deed, that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they (non-Jewish believers) are.' In other words he asked that of the pro-circumcision supporters not to impose such a ritual burden upon new members of the Church, and their belief in Jesus was enough for them to be saved (cf. Acts 15.1-29). We have to be grateful to Paul and Barnabas for their pastoral sensitivity, otherwise it would be very painful for catechumens today! This Council of Jerusalem also reminds us that the Church sometimes has to update herself to respond to the needs of the times.

Why did Paul and Barnabas decide to stand up to argue the case for the pagans and Peter listen to their plea? We believe that because they were inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the divine Teacher who taught them, worked with them and led them along the right path to reach the best outcome for the benefit of the Church as the Gospel.

Let us pray for the Church to be ever inspired by the experience of the Apostles through the Jerusalem Council in making decisions to better the Church today, and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to teach and remind us of what we should be to remain authentic to our Christian faith.

Have a faith-filled week,

*Fr Henry*

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## PARISH NEWS...

### BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL FOR OUR HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS

Will you help our seminarians to be 'Pilgrims and Sowers of Hope' for God's people? With your prayers and generosity, they can continue to grow in faith and formation, as they prepare to become priests who will sow hope and faith in the hearts of God's people. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal in the envelopes provided or at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) or by scanning this QR Code.



### CONFIRMATION 2025

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

### THE GROTTTO: OLOL JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

Last Sunday we had our monthly junior youth group, The Grotto. We had fun learning about Mary and the rosary, and got to make our own rosaries. Details about the next meeting will be released soon! If you have any questions, email: [dianap@olol7hills.com.au](mailto:dianap@olol7hills.com.au)

### 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.

### ALTAR SERVERS INSTALLATION MASS

Congratulations to all of the fourteen new Altar servers in our Parish who are going to be installed at the 9.30am Mass this Sunday 25 May, 2025. Thank you to their parents for supporting these children in their commitment to serve the Lord at the Altar. Please remember these generous children in your prayers. All are welcome to join them for a special morning tea after Mass.

### 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.

### FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT (FGM) AT OLOL

The Family Group Movement continues to flourish at OLOL. The "Divine Rainbow" group will embark on a day trip to the Hunter Valley on 31-May. Due to a fantastic turnout, a van has been hired, and all are eagerly looking forward to spending the day together. The "Joyful Journey" group are planning to meet in late June, venue TBC. We warmly invite more families to join. Please contact the Parish office for more info. Coordinated by Frank Paiva and Edward Pieris.

### 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.



## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Positions Vacant

- Safeguarding: Healing and Support Counsellor: Diocese of Parramatta
- Senior Facilitator – Parish Engagement Lead
- Property Lawyer: Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](http://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](mailto: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](http://parracatholic.org/events/pentecost-scripture-night) or get in touch with the team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

### Young Adult Faith Formation South Mt Druitt: 1 June

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 1 June 2025 at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt (9 Ropes Creek Rd Mt Druitt) at 7pm. The speaker is Sr Agnes who will talk about and lead discussion on St Padre Pio. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza, and fellowship! If you have further question, please call Mark on 0477 004 678.

### Feast of St Anthony of Padua: 11-13 June

Join St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie in celebrating the Feast of St Anthony of Padua. There will be 9:30am and 7pm Triduum Masses, Novena, blessing of the Sick (11th of June), Blessing of the Children (12 June), and a candlelight procession (13 June). All welcome.

## LOL SAFEGUARDING NEWS

### What is Safeguarding?

Measures to protect the safety, human rights and well-being of individuals, which allow people – in this context children and most vulnerable – to live free from abuse, harm and neglect.

### Children and Young People's Participation

A Safeguarding culture for Children and Young People is fostered and sustained at LOL by our parish community being committed to living the Gospel by serving the most vulnerable. Here at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish 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.

### Illness

As we start the beginning of the colder seasons, you should absent yourself from your voluntary activity if you are unwell with an illness (e.g. cold or flu) to ensure that the health of others is not compromised.

### Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

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>.

### Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW & Emmaus Prayer Community Pentecost Celebrations: 8 June

All are welcome to join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of NSW in celebrating Pentecost at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes on Sunday 8 June from 2pm. There will be prayer, praise, testimonies, talks, and prayer ministry, based on the theme of "HOPE - Opening our hearts & minds to the presence of the Holy Spirit in Times of Change." For enquiries Adrian 0408649327 or Desiree 0477765772.

### 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](http://parracatholic.org/events/OFW) to reserve a spot or further enquiries, contact [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0488 000 211.

### Registrations Open: Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening 25 June 2025

The Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening is a collaboration between the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Dioceses of Parramatta and Broken Bay. Parramatta this year will be hosting on Wednesday 25th June 2025, 6:30pm till 9:00pm at St Monica's Parish Hall, 8 Daking St, North Parramatta. Engaging speakers will discuss the ACBC Social Justice Statement 2024-25 "Truth & Peace, A Gospel Word in a Violent World", while you can enjoy a delicious meal and good company. Register via [parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan](http://parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan)

### 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/](http://parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/)

### LOL Volunteer Responsibilities

Volunteers here at LOL have a responsibility to support the Diocese's goals and objectives. Ways we do this are by abiding by the Diocese's Code of Conduct; treating others with respect; behaving appropriately and courteously to all clergy, employees, volunteers, parishioners, contractors and the public in the course of your role; undertaking training as requested or necessary; treating confidential any personal information learned about in the course of duties; maintain professional relationships within acceptable boundaries; contributing to and maintaining workplace health and safety and being aware of the duty of care to yourselves, clergy, employees and other volunteers.

### 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](mailto:safeguarding@parracatholic.org).

Greeting over 200,000 pilgrims, leaders from around the world, and representatives of Christian denominations, Pope Leo XIV marked the joyous start to his Petrine Ministry, officially inaugurating it with Mass in Saint Peter's Square on Sunday, 18 May.

Religious delegations included Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, Zoroastrian and Jainists, among the many present for the celebration.

### **Heart full of gratitude**

Expressing his heartfelt gratitude for the prayerful and joyful support offered to him as he begins his pastoral ministry as Pope, Leo XIV recalled the intense emotions experienced over these past few weeks.

"Following the death of Pope Francis, we felt like sheep without a shepherd," he recalled, "yet having received his final blessing on Easter Sunday, and with eyes of faith, hope, and joy, we remembered how the Lord will never abandon His people."

The Pope also thanked everyone for accompanying in prayer the College of Cardinals meeting in conclave to elect the Successor of Peter as they looked at how to continue the mission of preaching the Gospel with a shepherd able to address today's challenges.

He said they felt "the working of the Holy Spirit, who was able to bring us into harmony, like musical instruments, so that our heartstrings could vibrate in a single melody."

### **United in love and unity**

"I was chosen, without any merit of my own, and now, with fear and trembling," said Pope Leo, "I come to you as a brother, who desires to be the servant of your faith and your joy, walking with you on the path of God's love, for he wants us all to be united in one family."

Pope Leo XIV recalled how love and unity are the two aspects of the mission entrusted to Peter by Jesus.

In the Gospel on this Sunday, Jesus entrusts the disciples to continue the mission, to be "fishers of men" and bring the "hope of the Gospel" to all people "so that all may experience God's embrace."

Peter's experience of the "infinite and unconditional love of God" enabled him to take up this mission, the Pope explained.

### **Self-sacrificing love**

Pope Leo recalled how Peter is entrusted then with "loving more" and "giving his life for the flock," a "self-sacrificing love."

"The ministry of Peter is distinguished by this self-sacrificing love, because the Church of Rome presides in charity and its true authority is the charity of Christ. It is never a question of capturing others by force, by religious propaganda or by means of power. Instead, it is always and only a question of loving as Jesus did."

### **Church, sign of unity and communion**

The Holy Father expressed his hope for "a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world."

In the face of a world marked by so much discord and wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, fear, and economic reality "that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalises the poorest," the Pope said, "we want to be a small leaven of unity, communion, and fraternity within the world."

"We want to say to the world, with humility and joy: Look to Christ! Come closer to him! Welcome his word that enlightens and consoles! Listen to his offer of love and become his one family: in the one Christ, we are one," he urged. "This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!"

The Pope upheld the missionary spirit, adding that such an approach will keep the Church from closing itself off in small groups or taking on a feeling of superiority to the world.

"We are called to offer God's love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out any differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people," he said.

"Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the Gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters."

In conclusion, Pope Leo XIV invited all Christians to be enlightened by the Holy Spirit, so that we might build a Church "founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made 'restless' by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity."

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## POPE LEO'S REGINA CAELI *By Devin Watkins*

At the conclusion of the Mass of Inauguration of his pontificate on Sunday, Pope Leo XIV prayed the Regina Caeli and appealed for people suffering due to war.

He thanked the 200,000 people and numerous delegations attending the Eucharist, expressing his gratitude to the representatives of nations, Churches, and various religions.

"In the joy of faith and communion, we cannot forget our brothers and sisters who are suffering because of war," said Pope Leo.

He recalled that "the surviving children, families, and elderly" in Gaza have been reduced to starvation, as the Israel-Hamas war continues.

In Myanmar, noted the Pope, "new hostilities have cut short innocent young lives."

And, he lamented, "martyred Ukraine awaits negotiations for a just and lasting peace." After the Mass, Pope Leo XIV met privately with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, who attended the Inauguration Mass with his wife.

In his Regina Caeli address, the Pope said he "strongly felt the spiritual presence of Pope Francis accompanying us from heaven."

As he marked the official beginning of his Petrine Ministry, Pope Leo XIV invited Catholics to pray entrust his ministry to the Blessed Virgin Mary, under her titles as "Star of the Sea and Our Lady of Good Counsel."

"We implore her intercession," he concluded, "for the gift of peace, for support and comfort for those who suffer, and for the grace for all of us to be witnesses to the Risen Lord."

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## ARCHBISHOP PREVOST: 'THE BISHOP IS A PASTOR, NOT A MANAGER' *By Andrea Tornielli*

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: How much do economic problems affect the lives of bishops?**

The bishop is also asked to be a good administrator, or at least [to have] the ability to find a good administrator to help him.

The Pope has told us that he wants a Church that is poor and for the poor. There are cases where the structures and infrastructure of the past are no longer needed and it is difficult to maintain them. At the same time, even in the places where I have worked, the Church is responsible for educational and health institutions that provide basic services to the people, because many times the State fails to provide them.

Personally, I am not of the opinion that the Church should sell everything and 'only' preach the Gospel in the streets. However, this is a very big responsibility, there are no one-size-fits-all answers. There is a need to promote more fraternal help between the local Churches.

Faced with the need to maintain service structures with incomes that are no longer what they used to be; the bishop must be practical. Cloistered nuns always say: 'You have confidence and entrust everything to Divine Providence, because a way will be found to respond.' The important thing also is never to forget the spiritual dimension of our vocation. Otherwise, we run the risk of becoming managers and reasoning like managers. Sometimes, this can happen.

### **Q: How do you see the relationship between the bishop and social media?**

Social media can be an important tool to communicate the Gospel message reaching millions of people. We must prepare ourselves to use social media well.

I am afraid that sometimes this preparation has been lacking.

At the same time, the world today, which is constantly changing, presents situations where we really have to think several times before speaking or before writing a message on Twitter, in order to answer or even just to ask the questions in a public form, in full view of everyone. Sometimes there is a risk of fueling divisions and controversy.

There is a great responsibility to use social networks, communication, correctly, because it is an opportunity, but it is also a risk. And it can do damage to the communion of the Church. That is why one must be very prudent in the use of these means.

## 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](http://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.

### 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](mailto:youtholol7h@gmail.com) or search 'Lourdes 7Hills Young Adults' on Facebook.

### THE GROTTTO: OLOL JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

We invite children aged 9-14yrs old to join our Parish junior youth group. For further information please contact Diana Park the Youth Co-Ordinator via email: [dianap@olol7hills.com.au](mailto:dianap@olol7hills.com.au)

### LOURDES PLAYGROUP

OLOL 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.

### 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](mailto: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.

#### May 2025

28	Confirmation Mass	7.00pm
31	Blacktown Network of Faith Communities Walk	10.00am
31	Family Group Movement Day Trip	

## OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

#### 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

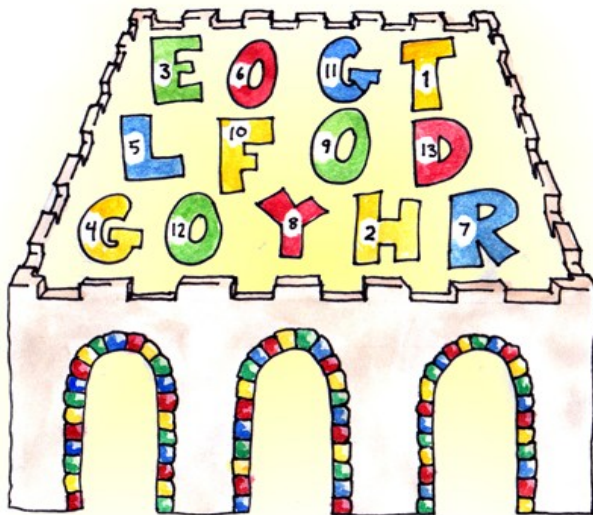
#### 31 May/1 June

Acolytes	Vigil: Daniel La Guidara 8am: Fayelene Kennedy 9.30am: Kilifi Huihui
Ministers	Vigil: L.La Guidara, J.Sarmiento 8am: F.Paiva, B.Motho 9.30am: K.Huihui, A.Walker
Readers	Vigil: Yxavel Dino, Yxaak Dino 8am: P.Ferriols, A.Pushparajan 9.30am: M.Aquino, L.Rigney
Altar Servers	Vigil: A.La Guidara, C.La Guidara, C.Bellamin 8am: Volunteers 9.30am: K.Cassaniti
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Tongan Choir
Musicians	Vigil: Christine Woodward 8am: Christine Woodward 9.30am: Couples for Christ
Flowers	Fenty & Liz
Church Cleaning	5 June Lourdes Spiteri Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Volunteer



# The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 25th, 2025



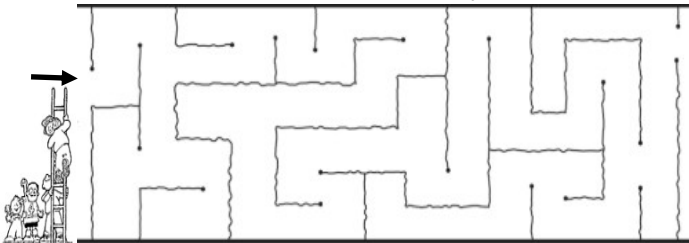
Today's second reading tells about the new Jerusalem, the heavenly city. Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks...

**The city has no need of sun or moon because**

**1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13**

**will be its light.** Rev. 21:22-23

Help the children below find their way to Jesus.



Enter the missing vowels to complete the words below from this week's Bible verse.

1. L \_ V \_ D \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_ W \_ Y \_\_\_\_\_
3. T \_ LD \_\_\_\_\_
4. G \_ \_ NG \_\_\_\_\_
5. C \_ M \_ NG \_\_\_\_\_
6. F \_ TH \_ R \_\_\_\_\_
7. GL \_ D \_\_\_\_\_
8. B \_ L \_ \_ V \_ \_\_\_\_\_
9. B \_ CK \_\_\_\_\_
10. H \_ \_ RD \_\_\_\_\_

BELIEVE	GLAD	GOING	AWAY	HEARD
COMING	BACK	TOLD	LOVED	FATHER

## He'll Be Back

"You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. John 14:28-29 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 14:23-29



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

AWAY	GREATER	AFRAID	BELIEVE	HOME
HEART	TEACH	FATHER	OBEY	BACK
PEACE	GLAD	COMING	GOING	LOVE

