

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

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Let us Pray for the Sick

Florence Arinanan, Lorenzo Balabat, Sarah Bartolo, Rodney Bell, Max Barrett, Irene Cabasa, Lawrence Charles, James Debattista, 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, Arabella Steele, Caroline Stevenson, 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: Felicia Catherine Ashburner, Charlie Calleja, Marcelo Capuyan Jr, Gerald, Theresa & Charlie Chetcuti, Maria Dalgado, Kevin Dougherty, Long Duong, Mariel De Soysa, Patrick Essey, David Joseph, Jesusa Maestrecampo, Rouli Pasaribu, George Rupasinghe, Dennis Siva, Joe Tonna.

Anniversaries: Mary Alagiah, T.F Augustine, Horace Baptist, Ronald Barley, Cecil Beed, Romeo Biniahnan, 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, Silvia Debattista, Manel De Soysa, Dulcie & Samuel Duraisamy, Georgina Falzon, Mark Falzon, John Fernando, M.A Fernando, Emmanuel Francis, Anthony Garcia, Francisca Garcia, Zenaida Garcia, Christine Gomez, Josephine Gomez, Helen Hili, Rita Hili, S.M John, Cameron Jones, Oliver Jordan, Venicia & Cresencia Labrador, Mary Muscat, Matta Loi Nguyen, April Marabe, Albert Moroney, Gleno Motha, Xavier Motha Jnr, Caytan Mula, Paul Mula, Lissy, Jose & Mary Kutty, Tony Muscat, John Moore, Gil & Angelita Opina, Custodio Palmos Jnr, Cordula Paiva, Heliodore Paiva, Adrian Pereira, Cornelio & Iluminada Rondario, Mary Silva, Rosary Silva, S. Susainathan, Melchor Usman, Dionisio Udan, Domingo Villarta Jnr. Geneoso & Modesta Viray.

Remembrance: Neil Amaratunga, Gregorio Almodovar, France Angseesing, 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 & Lancer De Guire, Johnny Edwards, 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 Lafleur, 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, Ngan Pin, Tiruselvam Pilomina, Felicisimo & Natalia Prahinog, Eustace Ratnam, Jose & Maria Reyes, John & Roseline Ratnam, Mary Silva, Cua Sing, Thenmoli, 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 Angseesing on 0467 701 010.

FIRST READING *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:8-17*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:15-16. 23-26*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. 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 that I have said to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

GOSPEL REFLECTION - Pentecost John 20:19-23

"Pentecost" is a Greek word that means "fifty days." It originally referred to a religious feast observed fifty days after Passover, on which the Jews thanked God for the wheat harvest. Today, Christians celebrate Pentecost fifty days after Easter to commemorate the day God sent the Holy Spirit to the early Church.

In today's Gospel, "Peace" is the first word the resurrected Jesus says to the apostles, a word that the Jews used in everyday speech as both a greeting and a farewell. Jesus then shows them his hands and his side to prove that it really is him. He truly is alive!

During this post-resurrection appearance, Jesus tells his disciples he is sending them out on a mission just as his Father sent him on one. He then breathes on them and tells them he is giving them the Holy Spirit so they can go out and bring forgiveness to all people.

The word "apostle" comes from a Greek word that means "one who is sent." In today's reading, Jesus sends the apostles to tell the world about the forgiveness of sins made possible through his death and resurrection. Breathing on the apostles like Jesus did may seem a bit crude but this action had much religious meaning.

In the book of Genesis, we read that God gave life to the first man by breathing into his nostrils (2:7) and in the book of Ezekiel (37:1-14) the prophet describes a dream he had in which a valley of dry bones comes to life with the breath of God. Because Scripture closely associates God's breath with new life, we should understand Jesus' actions in today's Gospel as him giving new life to his Church by breathing the Holy Spirit into it.

Finally, today's reading is the closest the four Gospels come to describing the arrival of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. We are accustomed to hearing about the strong wind and the tongues of fire appearing while the apostles and friends of Jesus gathered in prayer, a story we find not in the Gospels but in the Acts of the Apostles. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all end their Gospels with Jesus promising he will soon send the Holy Spirit but only John, in today's reading, gives us an account of the Spirit actually arriving. However, since John's story is so simple and uneventful, we often overlook it.

For Reflection -

How is the Spirit of God working through you when you are with your family or while you are working?
Pray this week that you will become more aware of how the Spirit is working in your life.

PARISH NEWS...

FR HENRY'S ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Henry is on annual leave for a month from the 3rd of June. Frs Viet Huy Nguyen SJ and Kevin Walsh are so kind to help say Masses for our parish during his absence. Please make them feel welcome in our Parish community. In case of an emergency, please contact our neighbouring parishes for assistance.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS 5PM

Next Sunday the 15th of June 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.

THE GROTTTO: OLOL JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

We invite children aged 9-14yrs old to join us for our junior youth group meeting next Sunday 15th June, 3.30pm till 6pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Food Provided. Further information and to register please contact Diana Park via dianap@olol7hills.com.au or search 'OLOL Youth Ministry' on Facebook.

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.

MINISTRY ROSTER UPDATE

Thank you to those who submitted their updated roster forms. Preparation of rosters for the various ministries for August 2025-January 2026 is currently underway and will be available for distribution shortly.

LOURDES OVER 50s GROUP MEETING

The Over 50s group meeting is on next Thursday the 12th of June, 10.30am- 1pm in the Parish Hall. All Welcome!

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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

We are in the process of organising our 2025/26 new set of planned giving envelopes. If you would like to join for the new financial year beginning the first week of July, please contact the Parish Office and we can include you. Thank you and we appreciate our parishioners generosity.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS

Thank you for your generous support in the formation of our future priests through the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/appeal-thankyou or scan this QR code. Thank you.



DIOCESAN NEWS

Positions Vacant

- Safeguarding: Healing and Support Counsellor: Diocese of Parramatta
- Training & Development Specialist – Safeguarding: Diocese of Parramatta
- Senior Facilitator – Parish Engagement Lead: Diocese of Parramatta
- Property Lawyer: Diocese of Parramatta
- Cathedral Parish Coordinator: St Patrick's Cathedral, 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 of 15 hours per week. Please forward applications and resumes to the Parish Secretary secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au by the 9th June 2025. For more information contact 9631 3316

Liturgical Ministry Course Begins September 2025

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September 2025 in Blacktown. This free formation is open to anyone in the diocese interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying, Readers or Ministers at the Altar. To enrol or for information, please contact the Office for Worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795. Registrations close 19 August, 2025 but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.

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.

LOLO SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Safe Parishes Week: 2–8 June 2025

Safe Parishes Week is a time to renew our commitment to creating safe, welcoming communities for all — especially children and vulnerable adults. OLOL and the Diocese of Parramatta supports this through training, resources, and new initiatives like online check-ins for visiting clergy. We're also developing child-friendly online tools, along with other initiatives that align with our Parish and Diocesan Pastoral Plan to support safer communities. You can learn more at: parracatholic.org/safeguarding

Safeguarding Prayer

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required. We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

Illness

As we move into 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.

Music Workshop – The Importance of Copyright: 19 June

Copyright can be tricky to navigate. Come and learn all about your requirements for reporting music use at Mass, the different types of copyright licensing available and much more. This workshop will be led by MET Music Formation Facilitator Eric Grella. Be sure to bring along any questions you might have. RSVP by Friday 13 June via the website parracatholic.org/events/music-workshop-19june/

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.

Volunteers needed: NAIDOC Week Event – Whalan Reserve – 10 July

On 10 July 2025, the annual Mt Druitt NAIDOC Week Event will be co-hosted by Holy Family Parish Emerton, Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation, Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, and Blacktown City Council at Whalan Reserve. We are seeking volunteers from parishes and also organisations in the Diocese of Parramatta. If interested in supporting this amazing celebration of Aboriginal culture, community and resilience, please visit parracatholic.org/events/naidoc-week-2025 for more details.

Children's Liturgy Workshop: 24 July

Are you a part of children's liturgy or looking to get started? Come along to this informative workshop to learn more about the Diocesan guidelines, meet children's liturgy teams from other parishes, and ask any questions you may have about this rewarding ministry. This workshop will be held at Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown on Thursday 24 July at 7-8:30pm. Please RSVP via the website parracatholic.org/events/OFW by 18 July. For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Visiting Clergy to OLOL

Visiting clergy to our church this week who concelebrated the Confirmation, uphold the standards and processes we have at OLOL and the Diocese of Parramatta have put in place to ensure the safety of our community.

LOLO Volunteer Responsibilities

Volunteers here at OLOL 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

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.

HOMILY OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV

JUBILEE OF FAMILIES, CHILDREN, GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

VII Sunday of Easter - Sunday, 1 June 2025

The Gospel we have just heard shows us Jesus, at the Last Supper, praying on our behalf (cf. *Jn* 17:20). The Word of God, made man, as he nears the end of his earthly life, thinks of us, his brothers and sisters, and becomes a blessing, a prayer of petition and praise to the Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit. As we ourselves, full of wonder and trust, enter into Jesus' prayer, we become, thanks to his love, part of a great plan that concerns all of humanity. Christ prays that we may "all be one" (v. 21). This is the greatest good that we can desire, for this universal union brings about among his creatures the eternal communion of love that is God himself: the Father who gives life, the Son who receives it and the Spirit who shares it.

The Lord does not want us, in this unity, to be a nameless and faceless crowd. He wants us to be one: "As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us" (v. 21).

The unity for which Jesus prays is thus a communion grounded in the same love with which God loves, which brings life and salvation into the world. As such, it is firstly a *gift* that Jesus comes to bring. From his human heart, the Son of God prays to the Father in these words: "I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me" (v. 23).

Let us listen with amazement to these words. Jesus is telling us that God loves us as he loves himself. The Father does not love us any less than he loves his only-begotten Son. In other words, with an infinite love. God does not love less, because he loves first, from the very beginning! Christ himself bears witness to this when he says to the Father: "You loved me before the foundation of the world" (v. 24). And so it is: in his mercy, God has always desired to draw all people to himself. It is his life, bestowed upon us in Christ, that makes us one, uniting us with one another. Listening to this Gospel today, during the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly, fills us with joy.

Dear friends, we received life before we ever desired it. As Pope Francis said: "all of us are sons and daughters, but none of us chose to be born" (*Angelus*, 1 January 2025). Not only that. As soon as we were born, we needed others in order to live; left to ourselves, we would not have survived. Someone else saved us by caring for us in body and spirit. All of us are alive today thanks to a relationship, a free and freeing relationship of human kindness and mutual care.

That human kindness is sometimes betrayed. As for example, whenever freedom is invoked not to give life, but to take it away, not to help, but to hurt. Yet even in the face of the evil that opposes and takes life, Jesus continues to pray to the Father for us. His prayer acts as a balm for our wounds; it speaks to us of forgiveness and reconciliation. That prayer makes fully meaningful our experience of love for one another as parents, grandparents, sons and daughters. That is what we want to proclaim to the world: we are here in order to be "one" as the Lord wants us to be "one," in our families and in those places where we live, work and study. Different, yet one; many, yet one; always, in every situation and at every stage of life.

Dear friends, if we love one another in this way, grounded in Christ, who is "the Alpha and the Omega," "the beginning and the end" (cf. *Rev* 22:13), we will be a sign of peace for everyone, in society and the world. Let us not forget: families are the cradle of the future of humanity.

In recent decades, we have received a sign that fills us with joy but also makes us think. It is the fact that several spouses have been beatified and canonized, not separately, but as married couples. I think of Louis and Zélie Martin, the parents of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus; and of Blessed Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi, who raised a family in Rome in the last century. And let us not forget the Ulma family from Poland: parents and children, united in love and martyrdom. I said that this is a sign that makes us think. By pointing to them as exemplary witnesses of married life, the Church tells us that today's world needs the marriage covenant in order to know and accept God's love and to defeat, thanks to its unifying and reconciling power, the forces that break down relationships and societies. For this reason, with a heart filled with gratitude and hope, I would remind all married couples that marriage is not an ideal but the measure of true love between a man and a woman: a love that is total, faithful and fruitful (cf. SAINT PAUL VI, *Humanae Vitae*, 9). This love makes you one flesh and enables you, in the image of God, to bestow the gift of life.

I encourage you, then, to be examples of integrity to your children, acting as you want them to act, educating them in freedom through obedience, always seeing the good in them and finding ways to nurture it. And you, dear children, show gratitude to your parents. To say "thank you" each day for the gift of life and for all that comes with it is the first way to honour your father and your mother (cf. *Ex* 20:12). Finally, dear grandparents and elderly people, I recommend that you watch over your loved ones with wisdom and compassion, and with the humility and patience that come with age.

In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always.

Let me add one last thing. The prayer of the Son of God, which gives us hope on our journey, also reminds us that one day we will all be *uno unum* (cf. Saint Augustine, *Sermo super Ps. 127*): one in the one Saviour, embraced by the eternal love of God. Not only us, but also our fathers, mothers, grandmothers, grandfathers, brothers, sisters and children who have already gone before us into the light of his eternal Pasch, and whose presence we feel here, together with us, in this moment of celebration.

MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV

The following is the message sent by the Holy Father Leo XIV to participants in the seminar “*Evangelizing with families today and tomorrow. Ecclesiological and pastoral challenges*”, organized by the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life (2 to 3 June 2025):

Pontifical Message to participants in the Seminar of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, 02.06.2025

Dear brothers and sisters,

I am pleased that on the eve of the celebration of the Jubilee for Families, Children, Grandparents, and the Elderly a group of experts has gathered at the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life to reflect on the theme, “*Evangelizing with the Families of Today and Tomorrow: Ecclesiological and Pastoral Challenges*”. This theme clearly expresses the Church’s maternal concern for Christian families throughout the world as living members of the Mystical Body of Christ and the primary nucleus of the Church, to whom the Lord entrusts the transmission of faith and the Gospel, especially to the new generations.

The profound thirst for the infinite present in the heart of every human being means that parents have the duty to make their children aware of the fatherhood of God. In the words of Saint Augustine: “As we have the source of life in you, O Lord, in your light we shall see light” (*Confessions*, XIII, 16).

Ours is a time marked by a growing search for spirituality, particularly evident in young people, who are longing for authentic relationships and guides in life. Hence, it is important that the Christian community be farsighted in discerning the challenges of today’s world and in nurturing the desire for faith present in the heart of every man and woman.

This effort requires that special attention be paid to those families who, for various reasons, are spiritually most distant from us: those who do not feel involved, claim they are uninterested or feel excluded from the usual activities, yet would still like to be part of a community in which they can grow and journey together with others. How many people today simply do not hear the invitation to encounter God?

Sadly, in the face of this need, an increasingly widespread “privatization” of faith often prevents these brothers and sisters from knowing the richness and gifts of the Church, a place of grace, fraternity, and love.

As a result, despite their healthy and holy desires, while they sincerely seek ways to climb the exciting upward paths to life and abundant joy, many end up relying on false footholds that are unable to support the weight of their deepest needs and cause them to slip back down, away from God, shipwrecked on a sea of worldly concerns.

Among them are fathers and mothers, children, young people and adolescents, who find themselves at times alienated by illusory lifestyles that leave no room for faith, and whose spread is facilitated by the wrong use of potentially good means – such as social media – yet prove harmful when used to convey misleading messages.

What drives the Church in her pastoral and missionary outreach is precisely the desire to go out as a “fisher” of humanity, in order to save it from the waters of evil and death through an encounter with Christ.

Perhaps many young people today who choose cohabitation instead of Christian marriage in reality need someone to show them in a concrete and clear way, especially by the example of their lives, what the gift of sacramental grace is and what strength derives from it. Someone to help them understand “the beauty and grandeur of the vocation to love and the service of life” that God gives to married couples (SAINT JOHN PAUL II, *Familiaris Consortio*, 1).

Similarly, many parents, in raising their children in the faith, feel the need for communities that can support them in creating the right conditions for their children to encounter Jesus, “places where the communion of love, which finds its ultimate source in God, takes place” (FRANCIS, *General Audience*, 9 September 2015).

Faith is primarily a response to God’s love, and the greatest mistake we can make as Christians is, in the words of Saint Augustine, “to claim that Christ’s grace consists in his example and not in the gift of his person” (*Contra Iulianum opus imperfectum*, II, 146). How often, even in the not too distant past, have we forgotten this truth and presented Christian life mostly as a set of rules to be kept, replacing the marvelous experience of encountering Jesus – God who gives himself to us – with a moralistic, burdensome and unappealing religion that, in some ways, is impossible to live in concrete daily life.

In this situation, it is the responsibility of the Bishops, as successors of the apostles and shepherds of Christ’s flock, to be the first to cast their nets into the sea and become “fishers of families.” Yet the laity are also called to participate in this mission, and to become, alongside ordained ministers, “fishers” of couples, young people, children, women and men of all ages and circumstances, so that all may encounter the one Saviour. Through Baptism, each one of us has been made a priest, king, and prophet for our brothers and sisters, and a “living stone” (cf. 1 *Pet* 2:4) for the building up of God’s house “in fraternal communion, in the harmony of the Spirit, in the coexistence of diversity” (LEO XIV, *Homily*, 18 May 2025).

I ask you, then, to join in the work of the whole Church in seeking out those families who no longer come to us, in learning how to walk with them and to help them embrace the faith and become in turn “fishers” of other families.

Do not be discouraged by the difficult situations you face. It is true that families today have many problems, but “the Gospel of the family also nourishes seeds that are still waiting to grow, and serves as the basis for caring for those plants that are wilting and must not be neglected” (FRANCIS, *Amoris Laetitia*, 76).

What great need there is to promote an encounter with God, whose tender love values and loves the story of every person! It is not a matter of giving hasty answers to difficult questions, but of drawing close to people, listening to them, and trying to understand together with them how to face their difficulties. And this requires a readiness to be open, when necessary, to new ways of seeing things and different ways of acting, for each generation is different and has its own challenges, dreams and questions. Yet amid all these changes, Jesus Christ remains “the same yesterday and today and forever” (*Heb* 13:8). Consequently, if we want to help families experience joyful paths of communion and be seeds of faith for one another, we must first cultivate and renew our own identity as believers.

Dear brothers and sisters, thank you for what you do! May the Holy Spirit guide you in discerning criteria and methods that support and promote the Church’s efforts to minister to families. Let us help families to listen courageously to Christ’s proposal and the Church’s words of encouragement! I will remember you in my prayers, and I cordially impart to all of you my Apostolic Blessing.

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.

LOURDES: LUMINATE YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The next group night will be in June. If you would like more information please contact Ian Epondulan: 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 on every third Sunday of the month. For information please contact Diana Park via email: dianap@olol7hills.com.au or visit [ololyouth7hills](https://www.instagram.com/ololyouth7hills) on Instagram or search 'OLOL Youth Ministry' on Facebook.

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.

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.

June 2025

9	King's Birthday Public Holiday	
12	Over 50's Meeting	10.30am
15	The Grotto: Junior Youth Group Meeting	3.30pm

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

7/8 June

Acolytes	Vigil: Frank Paiva 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am: Eugene Miu
Ministers	Vigil: J. Franco, A. Franco 8am: M. Santos, L. Fernandes 9.30am: B. Chandler, P. Gow
Readers	Vigil: N. Sumcad, R. Saldanha 8am: K. Walker, B. Motha 9.30am: SUB RQD, C. Diaz
Altar Servers	Vigil: A. Bagatella, A. Monteiro, C. Bellamin 8am: Harrison Winter 9.30am: L. Sadipoor, A. Melki, C. Attard
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults Group
Musicians	Vigil: OFS 8am: Christine Woodward 9.30am: Tongan Choir
Flowers	Claudette & Siani
Church Cleaning	14 June Tongan Community Edgardo Barcelon Edgar Cabrera
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Ugre 8am: Anne McNally 9.30am: Edgardo Barcelon

14/15 June

Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Jerome Irudayaraj 9.30am: Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil: M. Mifsud, J. Sarmiento 8am: T. Perak, F. Kennedy 9.30am: M. Michael, C. Brooks
Readers	Vigil: M. Simic, N. Do Rosario 8am: J. Cabasa, J. Mai 9.30am: E. Pieris, Z. Smith
Altar Servers	Vigil: Jacob & Benjamin Spadaro, S. Thoms, 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Majerin & Jenolin Pieris
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Parish Pastoral Council
Musicians	Vigil: K. Thoms & Christine Woodward 8am: Christine Woodward 9.30am: Maximilian Chorale
Flowers	Fennie & Angela
Church Cleaning	19 June Cathy Hutchings Annette Peatman Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Volunteer 8am: Anne McNally 9.30am: Sastina Pieris

The Kids' Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday
June 8th, 2025

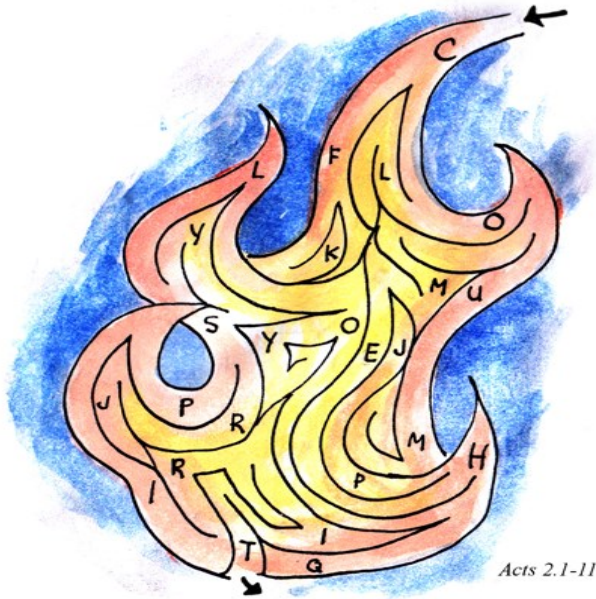
Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever." John 14:16 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 14:15-21 (NIV).



John 14:16

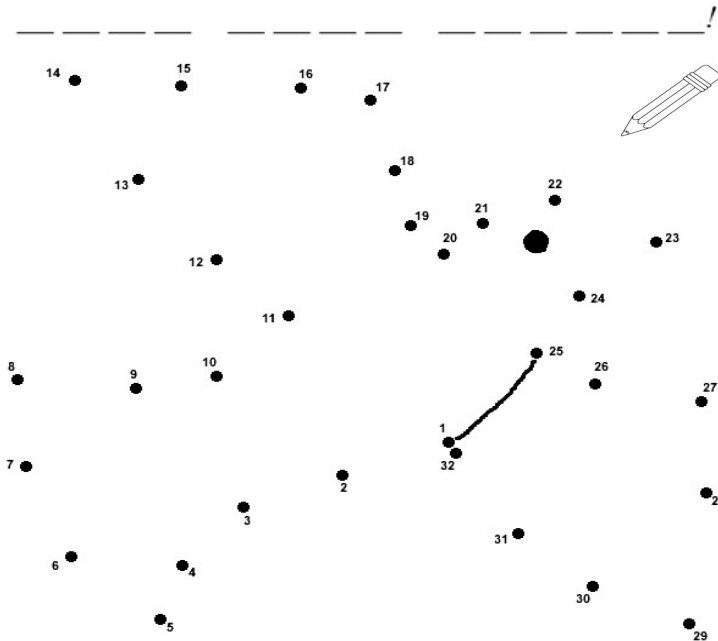


Acts 2:1-11

Today is the feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came to Mary and the Apostles in the form of wind and tongues of fire. Can you find your way through this maze and use the letters in your path to fill in the blanks?

B L L A D W G C L A I A X R N
D X S L S G N C O S A M I O O
Q N R H P K Y O I M H S A I K
N O R M I O L E R S M O K A X
W I U K R A C C E P T A W B K
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M U R O P S O L I E T V U E E
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FATHER	WORLD	OBEY	COUNSELOR	SHOW
ASK	COMMAND	LIVE	SPIRIT	LOVE
FOREVER	ORPHANS	MYSELF	TRUTH	ACCEPT



Unscramble the letters and write the word correctly in the space provided below.

1. OBYE _____
2. LVOE _____
3. ISPTRI _____
4. SWHO _____
5. UESSJ _____
6. OWRDL _____
7. TRUHT _____
8. RTAFEH _____



FATHER	OBEY	JESUS	TRUTH
WORLD	SHOW	SPIRIT	LOVE