

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

7 Grantham Road, Seven Hills. NSW. 2147

Ph. 9622 2920

Email: secretary@olol7hills.com.au

Parish Priest: Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran
Parish Deacon: Deacon Thong Nguyen
Parish Office Team: Rosie Sadipoor, Kim Dang, Jane Nguyen, Laura Ilioski
Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 9am - 3.00pm
WEEKDAY MASS: Tues, Wed, Fri. 8.00am
 Thursday 9.00am
WEEKEND MASS: Saturday Vigil 6pm
 Sunday 8am & 9.30am

Parish School: OLOL 8869 6800
Principal: Ms Keiran Byrnes
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-5:30pm
Baptismal Preparation: 16 July 2025
Baptism: 27 July 2025
Sacrament Co-Ordinator: Mrs Artelle Lenthall
Youth Co-Ordinator: Diana Park
Parish Website: www.olol7hills.org.au
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/OLOL7Hills/>

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL APOSTLE 29 June 2025 • Year C



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 Tiplado, 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: Charlie Calleja, Marcelo Capuyan Jr, Gerald, Theresa & Charlie Chetcuti, Maria Dalgado, Kevin Dougherty, Mariel De Soysa, David Joseph, Crispin Nuneza, George Rupasinghe, Dennis Siva, Paul Sammut, Joe Tonna.

Anniversaries: Mary Alagiah, Romualdo Austria Snr, T.F Augustine, Horace Baptist, Ronald Barley, Cecil Beed, Romeo Binahan, 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, Helen Gatt, Christine Gomez, Josephine Gomez, Helen Hili, Rita Hili, S.M John, Cameron Jones, Oliver Jordan, Brian Jordan, Lio Katopau, Venicia & Cresencia Labrador, Mary Muscat, Matta Loi Nguyen, April Marabe, Albert Moroney, Gleno Motha, Xavier Motha Jnr, Caytan Mula, Paul Mula, Lissy, Jose & Mary Kuttu, Tony Muscat, John Moore, Gil & Angelita Opina, Custodio Palmos Snr, Cordula Paiva, Heliodore Paiva, Estelita Solis Palmos, Nieves Torres Palmos, Adrian Pereira, Cornelio & Iluminada Rondario, George Rupasinghe, Mary Silva, Rosary Silva, Pauline & Santan Soares, S. Susainathan, Melchor Usman, Dionisio Udan, 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 & Elenito Carmen, Dennis Clarke, Myrna Cruz, Saviour Caruana, 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 Lafluer, Sheena Landagan, A. Mansoor, Apolinario & Felina Maglaya, Tania McGove, 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, Lakshman Perera, 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 12:1-11*

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly. On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**(R) The Lord set me free from all my fears.**

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. I will bless the Lord at all times
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.) | 3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.) |
| 2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.) | 4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.) |

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:13-19*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

GOSPEL REFLECTION - *Sts. Peter and Paul, Matthew 16:13-20*

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus first asks his disciples what others are saying about him and then he asks them for their own opinion. The various answers to this question tell us there must have been some debate about the meaning of Jesus' ministry.

Some people believed Jesus was John the Baptist. Although King Herod killed John, many people who saw the signs and miracles Jesus performed wondered if he might really be John resurrected. Other people thought Jesus was Elijah or Jeremiah.

Jeremiah was a great Old Testament prophet who took the Ark of the Covenant (the box in the Temple containing the Ten Commandments) and hid it in a cave on Mt. Nebo just before the Babylonians conquered Jerusalem in 586 B.C. (2 Maccabees 2:4-8).

Since no one ever found the Ark of the Covenant, some Jews believed Jeremiah would return to the earth just before the messiah's arrival to reveal where he hid it. Thus, Jeremiah's reappearance would indicate that the time of the messiah is near.

Elijah was the greatest of the Old Testament prophets. According to the second book of Kings, Elijah never died but went to heaven in a fiery chariot. Some Holy Days and Other Feasts Jews believed Elijah would one day return to the world to prepare the way for the messiah. When Elijah appears, the messiah will not be far behind.

The people showed great respect for Jesus when they compared him to these three great men but they did not recognize him as the long awaited messiah.

Only Simon Peter understood that Jesus was even more important than the greatest of the Old Testament figures and his belief in Jesus as the messiah earned him a place of honor in the early Church. Simon Peter's faith is the sturdy rock on which the Church is built.

For Reflection-

Close your eyes and pretend Jesus is asking you who you think he is. What is your answer? Be honest!

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.

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

PARISH PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE PROGRAM

All those who have registered for 2025/2026 envelopes they are now available to pick up from the back of the Church. If you wish to continue donating online, please add your planned giving number or for a one off donation, ref. Donation. Thank you for your contribution to our Parish.

TONGAN YOUTH FESTIVAL

Every Tuesday and Thursday evening till the end of July, the Tongan Youth of Seven Hills will be running a series of dance practices for the Tongan Youth Festival that is to be held on Saturday, 26th July 2025. Mass 12pm at Sacred Heart Parish, Mount Druitt Festival - Plumpton Hall 4pm - 9pm. Details for the dance practices: Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM. If there is Choir practice, it will run from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Venue: OLOL Seven Hills Parish Hall. All are welcome to come along to watch and be part of this event.

FREE HOLY COMMUNION OUTFITS

We have generously received donated Holy Communion outfits from parishioners, these can be found in front of the piety shop. With First Holy Communion coming up, please feel welcome to help yourself to any of these free items.

MINISTRY ROSTER UPDATE 2025/26

Ministry rosters for August 2025 - January 2026 are now available. You can find a copy at the back Sacristy or on our website under 'Parish Forms'. If you require more copies or notice any discrepancies, kindly contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE BEGINS SEPTEMBER

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 & Dying, Readers or Ministers at the Altar. Forms are available at the back of the church, please complete and return to the Parish Office. For further information, contact the Office for Worship via ofw@parracatholic.org or on 0460 037 795. Registrations close 19 August, 2025 but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.

JOURNEY OF HOPE JUBILEE CONCERT: 26 JULY

The Ateneo Alumni Association of Australia (AAAA) invites all to the "Journey of Hope" Jubilee Concert to showcase an inspiring afternoon of music that speaks to the soul and a beautiful message of hope. The concert will take place on Saturday, 26th of July 2025 12:30pm-3pm at Club Burwood Group - Club Burwood RSL, Club Burwood & Croydon Park Club, Entertainment Dome, 97 Shaftesbury Road, Burwood. Tickets are \$25 each and all proceeds will go to the AAAA Scholarship Program for scholars in the Philippines in collaboration with the Tanging Yaman Foundation and Peregrinus which includes members of Maximilian's Chorale. Link to book tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/CZXKB>. For more inquiries contact Ian Epondulan: 0401 161 264 or ian_ube@hotmail.com

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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Positions Vacant

- Faith Educator – Confraternity of Christian Doctrine: Diocese of Parramatta
- Cathedral Parish Coordinator: St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
- Healing and Support Counsellor – Safeguarding: Diocese of Parramatta
- Training & Development Specialist – Safeguarding: Diocese of Parramatta
- Senior Facilitator – Parish Engagement Lead: Diocese of Parramatta

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

JRS Australia 'Free Together' Refugee Week Event: 4 July

You are warmly invited to JRS Australia's Refugee Week event, showcasing stories, art and music shared by refugee leaders of JRS Australia's Refugee Leadership Program. The event will be held on Friday 4 July from 6pm at the St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. Entry cost is a \$10 voluntary donation to cover the costs of dinner for those able to contribute. To RSVP, please visit the below link <https://events.humanitix.com/jrsrefugee-week-2025>.

Penrith Parish Winter Wonderland Holiday Program: 6-9 July

St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith, are hosting a Winter Wonderland Holiday Camp in the July school holidays from Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th July for boys and girls aged Kindy to Year 4. Please refer to the flyer on the notice board at the back of Church for more information on activities, cost and how to register your child.

Bishop Vincent presents Mauricio López: 23 July

One of Latin America's most influential lay leaders, Mauricio López Oropeza, will be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta as part of its "Bishop Vincent Presents" series. Mauricio will offer powerful insights on synodality, justice, and the Church's mission in a changing world. The free public lecture will be held on Wednesday 23 July at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 6pm. To register and learn more, please visit parracatholic.org/lopez

LOL SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Visiting Clergy to LOL

Visiting Clergy to our Church while Fr Henry is on his leave, uphold the standards and processes here, at LOL and the Diocese of Parramatta have put in place to ensure the safety of our Community.

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.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday & NAIDOC Week: 6-13 July

The first weekend in July, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday (6th July) to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples. Liturgical resources and more information are available at natsicc.org.au/2025-atsi-sunday.html. The feast day is followed by National NAIDOC Week, an opportunity for all people in Australian to learn about the First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. Find out more at naidoc.org.au

Catholic Creative Retreat for Women, Rouse Hill: 5 July

Join us for a refreshing Catholic Creative Retreat where we'll explore the beauty of brush lettering and the power of creativity in prayer. Held on 5 July from 12:30pm, concludes with 5:30pm Mass at Our Lady of the Angels Parish Rouse Hill, 1 Wellgate Avenue, Kellyville. Fee applies. Register: tinyurl.com/4t38n2c9

Catholic Religious Australia 10,000 for 10 Initiative

To mark the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Catholic Religious Australia has launched the "10,000 for 10" initiative to encourage the planting and/or protection of 10,000 trees. If you cannot plant a tree, you can protect one or make a kind donation to a not-for-profit organisation focused on regenerative projects. To learn more, visit <https://www.catholicreligious.org.au/10000-for-10>

Caritas Australia appeals for support for amputees in Gaza – June 2025

The UN described Gaza as being "home to the largest cohort of child amputees in modern history". As of April, the UN reported that 4,500 people have been made amputees due to the current conflict. In response, Caritas Jerusalem is working to support those affected by the loss of limbs, as part of a program supported by Caritas Australia's Gaza Emergency Appeal. We urgently need your support. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or 1800 024 413.

Catholic Catechism and Spiritual Warfare: 16 August

Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, will be hosting a talk by Fr Jose Francisco Syquia from the Archdiocese of Manila on a variety of Catholic topics on Saturday the 16 August 2025 at 3:30 pm. The talk will be followed by the Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm which will be celebrated by Fr Syquia. For further information and to RSVP, please click on the link: <https://forms.gle/KBGM6qjt2DsdG8uS7>.

Insurance

If you use your own vehicle for volunteer duties, your vehicle will not be covered under the Diocese's insurance policy. Any damage caused by an accident, to either the volunteer's vehicle or a third party's vehicle, must be claimed through your comprehensive car insurance policy. Any excess amounts will be your responsibility.

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

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



ANGELUS

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

Today, in many countries, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, *Corpus Christi*, is being celebrated, and the Gospel recounts the miracle of the loaves and fishes (cf. *Lk* 9:11-17).

In order to feed the thousands of people who came to listen to him and to ask for healing, Jesus invited the Apostles to bring him what little they had; he then blessed the loaves and fishes, and told them to distribute them to everyone. The result was astonishing: not only did everyone receive enough food, but there was an abundance left over (cf. *Lk* 9:17).

Beyond being a marvel, the miracle is a “sign” that reminds us that God’s gifts, even the smallest, grow whenever they are shared.

Reading this on the day of *Corpus Christi*, however, leads us to reflect on an even deeper reality. For we know that at the root of every human sharing lies a greater sharing that precedes it, namely God’s sharing with us. He, the Creator, who gave us life, in order to save us asked one of his creatures to be his mother, to give him a fragile, limited, mortal body like ours, entrusting himself to her as a child. In this way, he shared our poverty to the utmost limits, choosing to use the little we could offer him in order to redeem us (cf. Nicholas Cabasilas, *The Life in Christ*, IV, 3).

Let us think of how wonderful it is when we give a gift even a small one, proportionate to our means and see that it is appreciated by the recipient; how happy we are when the gift, despite its simplicity, unites us even more to those we love. Indeed, what happens between us and God through the Eucharist is precisely that the Lord welcomes, sanctifies and blesses the bread and wine that we place on the altar, together with the offering of our lives, and he transforms them into the Body and Blood of Christ, the sacrifice of love for the salvation of the world. God unites himself to us by joyfully accepting what we bring, and he invites us to unite ourselves to him by likewise joyfully receiving and sharing his gift of love. In this way, says Saint Augustine, “just as one loaf is made from single grains collected together... so in the same way the body of Christ is made one by the harmony of charity” (*Serm.* 229/A, 2).

Dear friends, [this evening we will take part in the Eucharistic Procession](#). We will celebrate Holy Mass together and then set out, carrying the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of our city. We will sing, pray and finally gather in front of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major to implore the Lord’s blessing on our homes, our families and all humanity. May this celebration be a sign of our daily commitment to set out from the altar and the tabernacle, going forth as bearers of communion and peace for others, in a spirit of solidarity and charity.

After the Angelus

Dear brothers and sisters,

Alarming news continues to emerge from the Middle East, especially from Iran. Against this tragic backdrop, which includes Israel and Palestine, people’s daily suffering, especially in Gaza and the other territories, where the need for adequate humanitarian aid is becoming increasingly urgent, risks being forgotten.

Today more than ever, humanity cries out and calls for peace. This is a cry that requires responsibility and reason, and it must not be drowned out by the din of weapons or the rhetoric that incites conflict. Every member of the international community has a moral responsibility to stop the tragedy of war before it becomes an irreparable chasm. There are no “distant” conflicts when human dignity is at stake.

War does not solve problems; on the contrary, it amplifies them and inflicts deep wounds on the history of peoples, which take generations to heal. No armed victory can compensate for the pain of mothers, the fear of children, or stolen futures.

May diplomacy silence the weapons! May nations chart their futures with works of peace, not with violence and bloodstained conflicts!

I greet all of you, people of Rome and pilgrims! I am pleased to welcome the parliamentarians and mayors here present on the occasion of the [Jubilee of Governments](#).

I greet the faithful from Bogotá and Sampedra in Colombia; those from Poland, including students and teachers from a technical institute in Krakow; the Strengberg Music Band from Austria; the faithful from Hanover, Germany; the *confirmandi* from Gioia Tauro and the young people from Tempio Pausania.

I wish everyone a happy Sunday, and I bless those who are actively participating in the feast of *Corpus Christi* today, including those who are singing, playing music, decorating with flowers, displaying crafts and, above all, praying and taking part in the procession. Thanks to you all, and have a good Sunday!

THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE

Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. II. The life of Jesus. The Healings. 11. The bleeding woman and Jairus' daughter. "Do not be afraid; just have faith!" (Mk 5:36)

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we will again consider the healings of Jesus as a sign of hope. In Him, there is a strength that we can experience when we enter into a relationship with His Person.

A very widespread ailment of our time is the fatigue of living: reality seems to us to be too complex, burdensome, difficult to face. And so we switch off, we fall asleep, in the delusion that, upon waking, things will be different. But reality has to be faced, and together with Jesus, we can do it well. At times we feel blocked by the judgment of those who claim to put labels on others.

It seems to me that these situations can find an answer in a passage from the Gospel of Mark, where 2 stories intertwine: that of the twelve-year-old girl, who is sick in bed and is dying; and that of a woman who has been bleeding for precisely twelve years, and seeks out Jesus in order to be healed (cf. *Mk 5:21-43*).

Between these two female figures, the Evangelist places the character of the girl's father: he does not stay at home complaining about his daughter's illness, but rather he goes out and asks for help. Although he is an official of the synagogue, he makes no demands on account of his social position. When it is necessary to wait, he does not lose his patience, and he waits. And when they come to tell him that his daughter is dead and it is pointless to disturb the Master, he continues to have faith and to hope.

The conversation between this father and Jesus is interrupted by the bleeding woman, who manages to come close to Jesus and to touch his cloak (v. 27). This woman, with great courage, made the decision that would change her life: everyone continued to tell her to keep her distance, to keep out of view. They had condemned her to stay hidden and isolated. At times, we too can be victims of the judgment of others, who presume to put a robe on us that is not our own. And then we suffer, and cannot come out of it.

That woman embarks on the path of salvation when the faith that Jesus can heal her germinates: so, she finds the strength to come out and go in search of him. She wants to reach out and at least touch his garment.

Around Jesus there is a large crowd, and therefore many people were touching him, and yet nothing happens to them. Instead, when this woman touches Jesus, she is healed. Where does the difference lie? In his commentary on this point of the text, Saint Augustine says in Jesus' name – "The crowd jostles, faith touches" (*Sermon 243, 2, 2*). It is thus: every time we perform an act of faith addressed to Jesus, contact is established with Him, and immediately his grace comes out from Him. At times we are unaware of it, but in a secret and real way, grace reaches us and gradually transforms our life from within.

Perhaps today too, many people approach Jesus in a superficial way, without truly believing in his power. We walk the surfaces of our churches, but maybe our heart is elsewhere! This woman, silent and anonymous, conquers her fears, touches the heart of Jesus with her hands, considered unclean because of her illness. And she is immediately healed. Jesus says to her: "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace" (*Mk 5:34*).

In the meantime, the father receives the news that his daughter is dead. Jesus says to him: "Do not be afraid; just have faith" (v. 36). He then goes to the house and, seeing that everyone is weeping and wailing, says: "The child is not dead but asleep" (v. 39). He enters the chamber where the child is lying, takes her hand, and says to her: "*Talità kum*", "Little girl, arise!". The girl stands up and starts to walk (cf. vv. 41-42). Jesus' act shows us that not only does He heal from every illness, but He also awakens from death. For God, who is eternal Life, death of the body is like sleep. True death is that of the soul: of this we must be afraid!

One last detail: Jesus, after reviving the child, tells the parents to give her something to eat (cf. v. 43). Here is another very concrete sign of Jesus' closeness to our humanity. But we can also understand it in a deeper sense, and ask ourselves: when our children are in crisis and need spiritual nourishment, do we know how to give it to them? And how can we, if we ourselves are not nourished by the Gospel?

Dear brothers and sisters, in life there are moments of disappointment, discouragement, and there is also the experience of death. Let us learn from that woman, from that father: let us go to Jesus: He can heal us, He can revive us. Jesus is our hope!

APPEAL

Last Sunday, a heinous terrorist attack was carried out against the Greek Orthodox community in the Church of *Mar Elias* in Damascus. We entrust the victims to God's mercy and we offer our prayers for the wounded and their families. I say to the Christians of the Middle East: I am close to you! The whole Church is close to you!

This tragic event recalls the profound fragility that Syria still faces after years of conflict and instability. It is essential that the international community not ignore this country, but continue to offer support through gestures of solidarity and a renewed commitment to peace and reconciliation.

We continue to follow carefully and with hope the developments in Iran, Israel and Palestine. The words of the prophet Isaiah resound with urgent relevance: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (*Is 2:4*). May this voice, which comes from the Most High, be heard! May the wounds caused by the bloody actions of recent days be healed.

Let us reject arrogance and revenge, and instead resolutely choose the path of dialogue, diplomacy and peace.

Summary of the Holy Father's words:

Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the Jubilee theme of "Christ our Hope," we now consider two miracles that reveal the healing power born of faith in Jesus. In the first, we see a woman suffering from an illness that had led her to be shunned by society as unclean. Trusting that Jesus has the power to heal her, she reaches out to touch him and because of her faith, she is healed. Whenever we reach out to the Lord in faith, he in turn touches us, and his grace begins mysteriously to change the course of our lives. In the second miracle, Jesus responds to the faith-filled plea of a distressed father and raises a young girl from the dead. These two Gospel accounts teach us to be unafraid to turn to Jesus in prayer and to entrust ourselves to the healing power of his love, which can transform apparently hopeless situations and even bring life out of death.

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 10th July 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 GROTTA: 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.

July 2025

4	Last Day of School Term 2	
9	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
10	Over 50's Group Meeting	10.30am

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

28/29 June

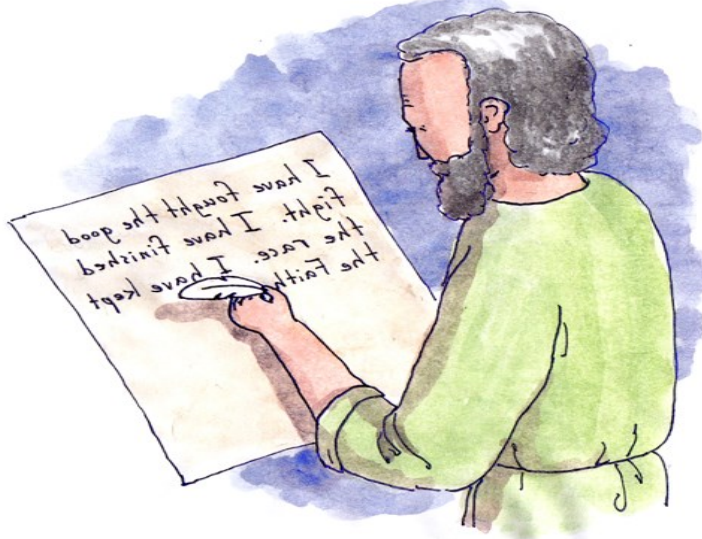
Acolytes	Vigil: Derick Soares 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am: Fayelene Kennedy
Ministers	Vigil: M. Mifsud, J. Sarmiento 8am: Edith Gartner, F. Paiva 9.30am: Kilifi & Kamela Huihui
Readers	Vigil: Yxaak & Yxavel Dino 8am: K. Walker, J. Mai 9.30am: Z. Smith, L. Rigney
Altar Servers	Vigil: C. Bellamin, E. Reardon, M. Gluvic 8am: Harrison Winter 9.30am: A. Melki, C. Attard, L. Sadipoor
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Maximilian Chorale
Musicians	Vigil: Shaun Jyostna & Christine Woodward 8am: Christine Woodward 9.30am:
Flowers	Team
Church Cleaning	3 July Lourdes Spiteri Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Ugre 8am: Anne McNally 9.30am: Edgardo Barcelon

5/6 July

Acolytes	Vigil: Daniel La Guidara 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am: Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil: M. Simic, L. La Guidara 8am: J. Irudayaraj, L. Fernandes 9.30am: B. Motha, B. Chandler
Readers	Vigil: R. Saldanha, N. Sumcad 8am: T. Perak, P. Ferriols 9.30am: E. Vioth Pieris, N. Arambulo
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alex & Christina La Guidara 8am: Volunteers 9.30am: Majerin & Jenolin Pieris
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	12 July Tongan Community Edgardo Barcelon Edgar Cabrera Aman Rawah
Welcomers	Vigil: Volunteer 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Sastina Pieris

The Kids' Bulletin

Saints Peter and Paul
June 29th, 2025



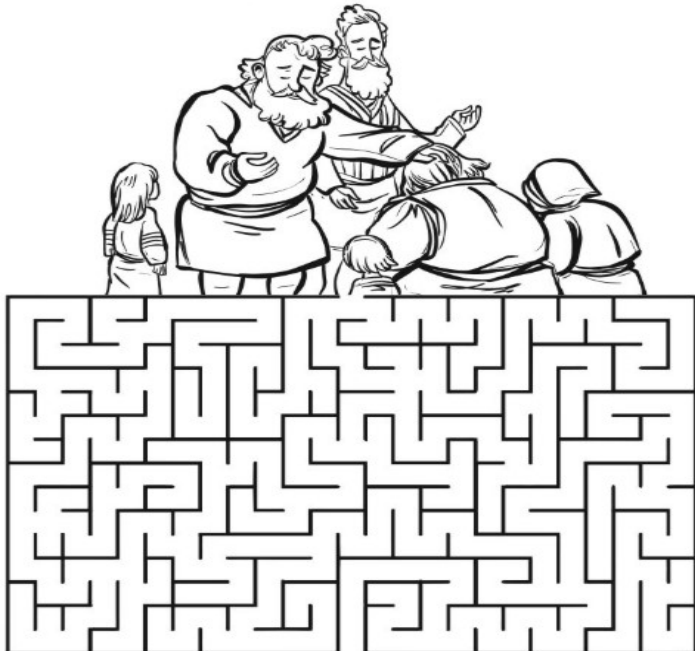
Today is the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul.
Today's second reading is part of a letter
Saint Paul wrote shortly before he was martyred.
What did he say?

Look at the picture in the mirror to find out!

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

CHRIST	EARTH	SON	PROPHETS	PEOPLE
BLESSED	KINGDOM	CHURCH	GATES	BAPTIST
LIVING	ROCK	FATHER	HADES	ELIJAH
JOHN	HEAVEN	PETER	KEYS	JEREMIAH

Help Paul spread the word about Jesus.



START

Peter's Confession of Christ

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Matthew 16:15 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- Persons; men, women, and children; human beings
A. people B. father C. prophet D. man
- To speak
A. sing B. say C. mime D. rock
- A male child in relation to his parents
A. daughter B. prophet C. son D. father
- An adult male human being
A. prophet B. man C. son D. people
- A persons who speaks for God
A. Christ B. man C. prophet D. father
- A male parent
A. Christ B. father C. prophet D. church
- The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets
A. Peter B. Elijah C. Jeremiah D. Christ
- The name that Jesus called Simon
A. Jeremiah B. Peter C. Elijah D. Christ
- A large stone that sticks up out of the ground or the sea
A. father B. Christ C. rock D. prophet
- The whole body of believers in Christ
A. prophet B. rock C. church D. man

