

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

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

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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 15th 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](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:** 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 Biniahan, Elaine Bosen, Frank & Fortunata Baiada, Denis Brophy, Rosario Cabasa, Frank & Maurice Camenzuli, Carmela Carboni, Catherine Chandra, Joseph Chary, Soro 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, Venicia & Crescencia 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, George Rupasinghe, Mary Silva, Rosary Silva, Pauline & Santan Soares, 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, Sam & Silvia Debattista, Carmen, Jimmy, Antonia, Tania, Tony, Vicki, Louie, Joe & Launcer 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, 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.

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**FIRST READING** *A reading from the book of Proverbs 8:22-31*

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust.

When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore – when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

The word of the Lord.

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**(R)** O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,  
the moon and the stars which you arranged, what  
is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal  
man that you care for him? **(R.)**

3. All of them, sheep and cattle, yes, even the  
savage beasts, birds of the air, and fish that  
make their way through the waters. **(R.)**

2. Yet you have made him little less than a god;  
with glory and honour you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your hand,  
put all things under his feet. **(R.)**

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**SECOND READING** *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:1-5*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings.

These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

The word of the Lord.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

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**GOSPEL** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 16:12-15*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION - *Trinity Sunday John 16:12-15*

Some modern-day feminists like to refer to God as "she." Although this may sound strange and will probably never become popular, there are biblical passages that do describe God in feminine terms. Isaiah 42:14 and 49:14-15 are just two examples.

Even St. Paul, the New Testament figure feminists call a male chauvinist more than any other, says in Acts 17:28-29 that we live, move, and exist in God because we are his children. Although Paul refers to God with a masculine pronoun in this passage, he seems to be clearly speaking about us being in God's womb because only a child in its mother's womb lives, moves, and exists in someone else.

Notice that today's Gospel refers to the Holy Spirit as "he." Despite this, the Spirit is the most feminine of the persons of the Blessed Trinity. Because this assertion sounds so radical, we definitely need to explain it.

Although the Old Testament does not use the term "Holy Spirit," it does contain many references to the "Spirit of God." Although the Jews did not understand this term to mean the same thing we mean when we speak about the Holy Spirit, it is the foundation for our own teaching about the third person of the Trinity. Therefore, the way the Old Testament uses this term can shed some light on who the Holy Spirit really is.

The Hebrew words for "Spirit of God" are *ruah Yahweh*. *Ruah* is a form of the word *ruach*, a Hebrew word that is feminine not only in gender but also in use. Since Hebrew is the language of the Old Testament, this indicates it would be proper to call the Holy Spirit "she."

The Old Testament sometimes also refers to God's Spirit as the Wisdom of God. *Sophia*, the Greek word for wisdom, is another feminine word. By Jesus' day, the Jews translated their Scripture (our Old Testament) into Greek and Jesus often quoted passages from this Greek translation. Therefore, Jesus and the apostles also would have been familiar with this feminine image of the Holy Spirit.

Although the above observations are interesting, they will probably not be enough to convince people to change the pronoun they use for the Holy Spirit.

However, these examples should make it easier to respect those people whose mental image of God differs from yours.

### *For Reflection-*

Jesus tells us the Spirit will guide us to the truth.

Pray that the Spirit will help you to truthfully assess the condition of your relationship with God and to see how that relationship can improve.

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## 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.

### **THE GROTTTO: OLOL JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP**

We invite children aged 9-14yrs old to join us for our junior youth group meeting this 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](mailto:dianap@olol7hills.com.au) or search 'OLOL Youth Ministry' on Facebook.

### **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](mailto:ian_ube@hotmail.com)

### **SUNDAY EVENING MASS 5PM**

This Sunday 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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

### **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.

### 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
- Cathedral Parish Coordinator: St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
- Sacramental Program and Special Religious Education Coordinator: St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie.

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 Co-ordinator. 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](mailto:secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au) by the 9th June 2025. For more information contact 9631 3316

### 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](http://parracatholic.org/events/naidoc-week-2025) for more details.

### Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage Commissioning Mass: 6 July

Join us on 6 July for 6pm Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta, as we pray for the youth pilgrims who will travel overseas for this year of Jubilee, as Pilgrims of Hope. All welcome.

## LOLO SAFEGUARDING NEWS

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### 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.

### 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>.

### Responsibility

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

### LOLO Vulnerable People's Participation

We are a Catholic community that champions the practice of supporting & engaging, listening and communicating with those who are most vulnerable such as children and young people. This in return encourages their participation.

### 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/](http://parracatholic.org/events/music-workshop-19june/)

### 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](http://parracatholic.org/events/OFW) by 18 July. For enquiries, please contact [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

### Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening – 25 June (Register by 18 June)

You are invited to an engaging panel conversation with Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Sr Susan Connelly and Fr Patrick McInerney about the Social Justice Statement 2024-25 "Truth & Peace – A Gospel Word in a Violent World", paired with a delicious meal and good company. This free event is co-hosted by both the Dioceses of Parramatta and Broken Bay and the Archdiocese of Sydney and will be held on 25 June (6:00pm – 9:00pm) at St Monica's Parish Hall, 8 Daking St, North Parramatta. Please register by 18 June at [parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan](http://parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan)

### Rome from Home (Youth and Young Adults): 2 August

A retreat for young adults aged between 13 and 35, who want to grow in faith, find community, and be inspired on their journey. To be held on Saturday 2 August (12:30pm – 6pm) at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong, 36-40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong. Register by 26 July:

<https://parracatholic.org/events/rome-from-home/>

### Visiting Clergy to OLOL

Visiting clergy to our church while Fr Henry is on his leave, 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.

### 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.

### 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).



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## HOMILY OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV

Holy mass on the solemnity of Pentecost Sunday, 1 June 2025

Jubilee of movements, associations and new communities

Dear brothers and sisters,

"The day has dawned upon us when, glorified by his ascension into heaven following his resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ sent the Holy Spirit" (Saint Augustine, *Serm.* 271, 1). Today, too, what took place in the Upper Room takes place anew in our midst. Like a mighty wind that overtakes us, like a crash that startles us, like a fire that illuminates us, the gift of the Holy Spirit descends upon us (cf. *Acts* 2:1-11).

As we heard in the first reading, the Spirit accomplished something extraordinary in the lives of the Apostles.

Following Jesus' death, they had retreated behind closed doors, in fear and sadness. Now they receive a new way of seeing things, an interior understanding that helps them to interpret the events that occurred and to experience intimately the presence of the Risen Lord. The Holy Spirit overcomes their fear, shatters their inner chains, heals their wounds, anoints them with strength and grants them the courage to go out to all and to proclaim God's mighty works.

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us that in Jerusalem at that time there was a multitude of people from various backgrounds, yet "each one heard them speaking in his own native tongue" (v. 6). In a word, at Pentecost, *the doors of the Upper Room were opened because the Spirit opens borders*. As [Benedict XVI](#) explained: "The Holy Spirit bestows understanding. The Spirit overcomes the 'breach' that began in Babel, the confusion of mind and heart that sets us one against the other. The Spirit opens borders. The Church must always become anew what she already is. She must open the borders between peoples and break down the barriers between class and race. In her, there cannot be those who are neglected or disdained. In the Church there are only free men and women, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ" (*Homily for Pentecost*, 15 May 2005).

Here we have an eloquent image of Pentecost, one that I would like to pause for a moment and reflect upon with you. *The Spirit opens borders, first of all, in our hearts*. He is the Gift that opens our lives to love. His presence breaks down our hardness of heart, our narrowness of mind, our selfishness, the fears that enchain us and the narcissism that makes us think only of ourselves. The Holy Spirit comes to challenge us, to make us confront the possibility that our lives are shrivelling up, trapped in the vortex of individualism. Sadly, oddly enough, in a world of burgeoning "social" media, we risk being ever more alone. Constantly connected, yet incapable of "networking". Always immersed in a crowd, yet confused and solitary travellers.

The Spirit of God allows us to find a new way of approaching and experiencing life. He puts us in touch with our inmost self, beneath all the masks we wear. He leads us to an encounter with the Lord by teaching us to experience the joy that is his gift. He convinces us, as we just heard in Jesus' words, that only by abiding in love, will we receive the strength to remain faithful to his word and to let it transform us. The Spirit opens our interior borders, so that our lives can become places of welcome and refreshment.

*The Spirit also opens borders in our relationship with others*. Jesus tells us that this Gift is the love between him and the Father that comes to dwell within us. We then become capable of opening our hearts to our brothers and sisters, overcoming our rigidity, moving beyond our fear of those who are different, and mastering the passions that stir within. The Spirit also transforms those deeper, hidden dangers that disturb our relationships, like suspicion, prejudice or the desire to manipulate others. I think too, with great pain, of those cases where relationships are marked by an unhealthy desire for domination, an attitude that often leads to violence, as is shown, tragically, by numerous recent cases of femicide.

The Holy Spirit, on the other hand, brings to maturity within us the fruits that enable us to cultivate good and healthy relationships: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (*Gal* 5:22). In this way, the Spirit broadens the borders of our relationships and opens us to the joy of fraternity. This is also a critical yardstick for the Church. For we are truly the Church of the Risen Lord and disciples of Pentecost if there are no borders or divisions among us; if we are able to dialogue and accept one another in the Church, and to reconcile our diversities; and if, as Church, we become a welcoming and hospitable place for all.

Finally, *the Spirit also opens borders between peoples*. At Pentecost, the Apostles spoke the languages of those they met, and the confusion of Babel was finally resolved by the harmony brought about by the Spirit. Whenever God's "breath" unites our hearts and makes us view others as our brothers and sisters, differences no longer become an occasion for division and conflict but rather a shared patrimony from which we can all draw, and which sets us all on journey together, in fraternity.

The Spirit breaks down barriers and tears down the walls of indifference and hatred because he "teaches us all things" and "reminds us of Jesus' words" (cf. *Jn* 14:26). He teaches us, reminds us, and writes in our hearts before all else the commandment of love that the Lord has made the center and summit of everything. Where there is love, there is no room for prejudice, for "security" zones separating us from our neighbors, for the exclusionary mindset that, tragically, we now see emerging also in political nationalisms.

It was on the feast of Pentecost that [Pope Francis](#) observed: "In our world today, there is so much discord, such great division. We are all 'connected', yet find ourselves disconnected from one another, anesthetized by indifference and overwhelmed by solitude" (*Homily*, 28 May 2023). The wars plaguing our world are a tragic sign of this. Let us invoke the Spirit of love and peace, that he may open borders, break down walls, dispel hatred and help us to live as children of our one Father who is in heaven.

Brothers and sisters, Pentecost renews the Church and the world! May the strong wind of the Spirit come upon us and within us, open the borders of our hearts, grant us the grace of encounter with God, enlarge the horizons of our love and sustain our efforts to build a world in which peace reigns.

May Mary Most Holy, Woman of Pentecost, Virgin visited by the Spirit, Mother full of grace, accompany us and intercede for us.

**Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. II. The life of Jesus. The parables 9. *Bartimaeus*. “Take courage; get up, he is calling you.”**

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

With this catechesis I would like to bring our attention to another essential aspect of the life of Jesus, namely his *healings*. For this reason, I invite you to bring before the Heart of Christ your most painful and fragile parts, those places in your life where you feel stuck and blocked. Let us trustfully ask the Lord to listen to our cry, and to heal us!

The character who accompanies us in this reflection will help us to understand that we must never give up hope, even when we feel lost. He is Bartimaeus, a blind man and a beggar, whom Jesus meets in Jericho (cf. *Mk* 10:46-52). The place is significant: Jesus is going to Jerusalem, but he begins his journey, so to speak, in the “underworld” of Jericho, a city situated below sea level. Indeed, Jesus, with his death, went to take back that Adam who fell to the bottom and who represents each one of us. Bartimaeus means “son of Timaeus”: the man is described through a relationship, and yet he is dramatically alone. This name, though, could also mean “son of honour” or “of admiration”, exactly the opposite of the situation in which he finds himself. [1] And since the name is so important in Jewish culture, it means that Bartimaeus fails to live up to what he is called to be. Then, unlike the great movement of people who walk behind Jesus, Bartimaeus is still. The Evangelist says that he is sitting by the roadside, and so he needs someone to lift him up onto his feet and help him resume his journey. What can we do when we find ourselves in a situation that seems to have no way out?

Bartimaeus teaches us to appeal to the resources we have within us and which form a part of us. He is a beggar, he knows how to ask, indeed, he can shout! If you truly want something, you do everything in order to be able to reach it, even when others reproach you, humiliate you and tell you to let it be. If you really desire it, you keep on shouting! The cry of Bartimaeus, in the Gospel of Mark – “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!” (v. 47) has become a very well-known prayer in the Eastern tradition, which we too can use: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have pity on me, a sinner”.

Bartimaeus is blind, but paradoxically he sees better than the others, and he recognizes who Jesus is! Before his cry, Jesus stops and has him called (cf. 49), because there is no cry that God does not hear, even when we are not aware we are addressing him (cf. *Ex* 2:23). It seems strange that, in front of a blind man, Jesus does not go immediately to him; but, if we think about it, it is the way to reactivate Bartimaeus’ life: He spurs him to get up again, He trusts in his ability to walk. That man can get up on his feet again, he can rise from the throes of death. But in order to do this, he must perform a very meaningful gesture: he must throw away his cloak (cf. v. 50)! For a beggar, the cloak is everything: it is his safety, it is his house, it is the defence that protects him. Even the law protected the beggar’s cloak, and imposed that it be returned in the evening if taken as a pledge (cf. *Ex* 22:25). And yet, many times, it is precisely our apparent securities that stand in our way – what we have put on to defend ourselves and which instead prevent us from walking. To go to Jesus and let himself be healed, Bartimaeus must show himself to Him in all his vulnerability. This is the fundamental step in any journey of healing. Even the question that Jesus asks him seems strange: “What do you want me to do for you?” (v.51). But, in reality, it is not given that we want to be healed from our ailments; at times we prefer to stay still so as not to take responsibility. Bartimaeus’ reply is profound: he uses the verb *anablepein*, which can mean “to see again”, but which we can also translate as “to look up”. Indeed, Bartimaeus does not want only to see again; he wants to regain his dignity! To look up, we must raise our heads. At times people are stuck because life has humiliated them, and they just want to find their worth again. What saves Bartimaeus, and each one of us, is faith. Jesus heals us so that we can become free. He does not invite Bartimaeus to follow him, but tells him to go, to set out on his way (cf. v.52). However, Mark concludes the story by saying that Bartimaeus began to follow Jesus: he freely chose to follow him, He who is the Way! Dear brothers and sisters, let us trustfully bring our ailments before Jesus, and also those of our loved ones; let us bring the pain of those who feel lost and without a way out. Let us cry out for them too, and we will be certain that the Lord will hear us and stop.

#### **APPEAL**

I would like to assure my prayers for the victims of the tragedy that took place in the school in Graz. I am close to the families, teachers, and schoolmates. May the Lord receive these children of his in his peace.

#### **Greeting:**

I extend a warm welcome to the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today’s Audience, especially those coming from England, Scotland, Belgium, Cameroon, Zimbabwe, China, Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, Canada, United States of America. As we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity this coming Sunday, I invite you to make of your hearts a welcoming dwelling for the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God bless you all!

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#### **Summary of the Holy Father’s words:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our continuing catechesis on the Jubilee theme of “Jesus Christ our Hope,” today we consider yet another aspect of the life and ministry of Jesus, namely, his miracles of healing. In the reading we heard, the blind Bartimaeus cries out to Jesus with a plea that is itself an act of faith: “Jesus, have mercy on me!” It is significant that, when Jesus asks Bartimaeus to come to him, the blind beggar immediately throws off his cloak, his one possession and the sole source of his security. In this sense, he stands before Jesus in all his vulnerability, trusting in the Lord’s power to restore his sight.

We too, recognizing our own need for healing, are asked to come to the Lord in all our frailty, leaving behind our own “cloaks” – our securities, our comfort zones – in order to experience his healing power. During this Jubilee of hope, may we too receive the grace to see all things anew in the light of faith, and to follow the Lord in freedom and newness of life.

## 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 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](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 on every third Sunday of the month. For information please contact Diana Park via email: [dianap@olol7hills.com.au](mailto: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](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.

#### June 2025

15	The Grotto: Junior Youth Group Meeting	3.30pm
23	St. Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm

## OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

#### 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 Egardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Volunteer 8am: Anne McNally 9.30am: Sastina Pieris

#### 21/22 June

Acolytes	Vigil: Darryl Green 8am: Eugene Miu 9.30am: Ryan Epondulan
Ministers	Vigil: N. Shami, B. Motha 8am: M. Santos, A. McNally 9.30am: P. Gow, G. Basili
Readers	Vigil: A. Franco, A. Punch 8am: A. Pushparajan, K. Walker 9.30am: J. Nonato, A. Han
Altar Servers	Vigil: Julian & Orlando Martinez, C. Bellamin 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Kiyana Cassaniti & Volunteer
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Couples for Christ
Musicians	Vigil: Nina's Group 8am: Christine Woodward 9.30am: Nina's Group
Flowers	Fenty & Mary
Church Cleaning	25 June Jessie Borg Anne McNally Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Volunteer



# The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity  
Sunday June 15th, 2025

## Trinity Sunday

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. John 16:13 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 16:12-15

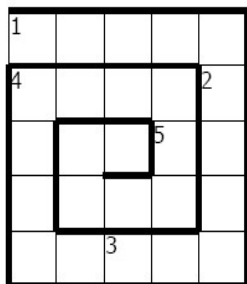
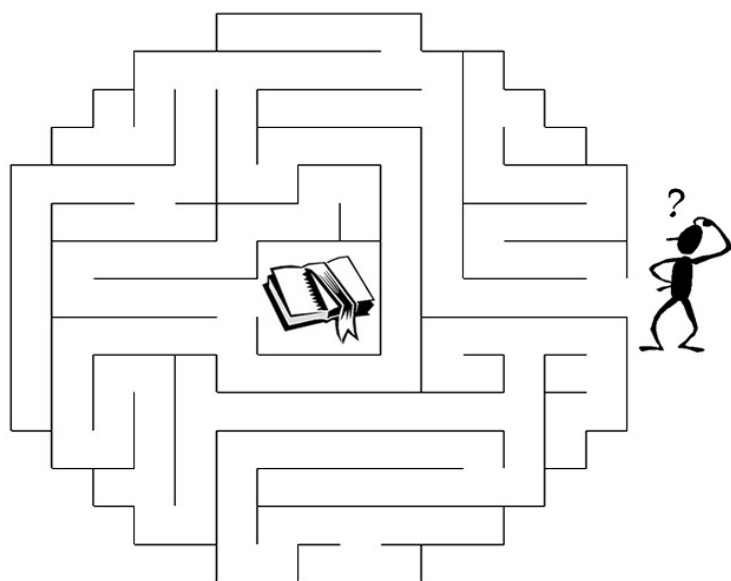
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John 16:12-15

as it was in the beginning,  
and now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

The shamrock or clover can be used to represent the Blessed Trinity, one God in three Persons. Look in the mirror to find a prayer to the Trinity.



1. To show the way by leading, directing, or advising
2. To express your thoughts, opinions, or emotions orally
3. A statement proven to be or accepted as being true
4. To receive a sound using your ears
5. God coming to us without human body; The Holy \_\_\_\_\_.

COME	TRUTH	MORE	HEARS
BELONG	GUIDE	SPIRIT	GLORY
SPEAK	FATHER	BEAR	KNOWN



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John 16:13