

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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Let us Pray for the Sick

Florence Arinanan, Lorenzo Balabat, Sarah Bartolo, Rodney Bell, Max Barrett, Irene Cabasa, Hoa Chau, 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, Chandra Sampantham, 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: Marcelo Capuyan Jr, Merle Morrissey, Crispin Nuneza, George Rupasinghe, Dennis Siva, Paul Sammut.

Anniversaries: Mary Alagiah, Romualdo Austria Snr, 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, Soro Chary, Aloysian 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, S.M John, Cameron Jones, Lio Katopau, Venicia & Cresencia Labrador, Salvatore Loria, Mary Muscat, April Marabe, Pietro Marra, Albert Moroney, Gleno Motha, Xavier Motha Jnr, Caytan Mula, Paul Mula, Lissy, Jose & Mary Kutty, Tony Muscat, John Moore, Gil & Angelita Opina, Custodio Palmas Snr, Cordula Paiva, Heliodore Paiva, Estelita Solis Palmas, Nieves Torres Palmas, Adrian Perera, Lakshman Perera, Cornelio & Iluminada Rondario, Mary Silva, Rosary Silva, Pauline & Santan Soares, Lawrence Stanton, 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 Camen, 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, Felicissimo & Natalia Prahinog, Eustace Ratnam, Jose & Maria Reyes, John & Roseline Ratnam, Mary Silva, Cua Sing, Thenmoli, Tony Vassollo, Shane Vaz, Jim Vella, 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:

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 prophet Isaiah 66:10-14*

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts. For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**

3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**

2. Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**

4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians 6:14-18*

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 10:1-12. 17-20*

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you.

Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house.

Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

GOSPEL REFLECTION - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, *Luke 10:1-12, 17-20*

Today's Gospel begins with Jesus sending seventy-two men to preach and heal "in his name." Someone who speaks or acts in someone else's name has authority and power from that person so the actions and words of the representative becomes the actions and the words of the person who sent him. That's why Jesus tells his disciples in verse 16 (a verse not in today's reading) that whoever hears them also hears him and whoever rejects them also rejects him.

Exaggeration was a teaching technique rabbis often used in Jesus' day to stress an important point. We find an example of exaggeration in today's Gospel story when Jesus tells the seventy-two they should not greet anyone on the way.

Most Jewish people readily entertained strangers because there are many instances in the Bible in which angels disguised as travelers from distant lands blessed those who showed them hospitality. Therefore, the Jews routinely offered strangers something to eat because there was always the possibility a stranger was really an angel who would bless them for their generosity. The host often slaughtered, skinned, and then roasted an animal like a sheep or a calf over an open pit or in an earthen oven, delaying the visitor's journey by several hours.

When Jesus said the seventy-two should not even greet anyone, he was thinking of the delay that would result if someone wanted to show them hospitality. Therefore, Jesus was telling the disciples their mission to preach the Gospel was so urgent, they were not to postpone it.

The number of men Jesus sends on this mission is also significant. In Genesis 10, we find a list of the nations of the earth. Since there are seventy-two nations on this list, the number seventy-two became symbolic of all the nations of the world. Therefore, Jesus chose seventy-two men to symbolically say his followers had to preach the Gospel to all people.

When Jesus tells the seventy-two he is sending them out like lambs among wolves he is warning them that this task is not going to be easy. This means they are going to experience hostility because of the Gospel and they will even be threatened with physical harm.

For Reflection-

The professional religious, like priests and ministers, are not the only ones responsible for preaching the Gospel. Because Jesus also needs you to bring his word to others, your mission is just as urgent as that of the seventy-two. Make up your mind to tell someone about Jesus this week.

PARISH NEWS...

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.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK WINTER 2025 EDITION

A special tribute edition of the *Catholic Outlook Magazine* is available throughout our church. This edition gives thanks for the remarkable papacy of Pope Francis and welcomes the new pontificate of Pope Leo XIV with a range of tributes and reflections.

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.

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 to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples. The feast day is followed by the National NAIDOC Week, an opportunity for all people in Australia to learn about the First Nations cultures and the histories and to participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. Find out more at naidoc.org.au

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.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please show your deepest respect for our House of God at Seven Hills by not bringing any food into the church, that includes the crying room. Parents are always encouraged to bring soft toys and crayons for children to work with our weekly bulletin. We kindly ask parents to please monitor your children near the candles at all times.

BLACKTOWN COUNCIL: WARD 2 AND WARD 3 COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

This is your opportunity to: meet your local Councillors; ask questions and get answers face to face; share your ideas or concerns; find out what is happening in your community. Councillors will be available to chat, and Council staff will be on hand to provide updates and answer your questions at our information stand. Come along, have your say and connect with your community. For further information, see Terry Jordan or contact: forums@blacktown.nsw.gov.au

Ward 2 event details - Saturday the 12th July, 9.30am till 11.30am at Quakers Court, 76 Falmouth Rd, Quakers Hill

Ward 3 event details - Saturday 12 July, 1.30pm till 3.30pm at Supa Valu IGA Doonside, 52 Rosenthal St, Doonside

DIOCESAN NEWS

Positions Vacant

- Healing and Support Counsellor – Safeguarding:
Diocese of Parramatta
- Training & Development Specialist – Safeguarding:
Diocese of Parramatta

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

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

Registrations now open Diocesan Retreat Opportunities

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

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

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

Catholic Outlook Feedback survey!

Do you engage with *Catholic Outlook* through our magazine website or social media? We invite you to tell us what you enjoy, what you'd like more of and how we can continue to engage and inspire all people in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Complete the anonymous survey by **Friday 25 July** by scanning the QR code or visiting www.surveymonkey.com/r/V9J5Y5Z



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/>

LOL SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Visiting Clergy to LOL

Visiting Clergy to our Church while Fr Henry was 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.

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. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy community stalls, fun rides, a BBQ lunch and a wide array of cultural activities. We're also seeking volunteers from parishes and organisations in the Diocese of Parramatta. For interest in supporting this amazing celebration, please visit our website parracatholic.org/events/naidoc-week-2025 for details.

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 and 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

Mt Schoenstatt Coffee, Craft & Conversation: 12 July

A relaxing afternoon of coffee, card making and spiritual conversations with the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary for young women aged 20-35 yrs. The afternoon will conclude with prayers in the Schoenstatt Shrine, an official pilgrimage site of the Diocese of Parramatta during this Jubilee Year of Hope. The event will be held on Saturday 12 July 2.30pm to 5pm at Bethany, 301 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Cost is \$15 includes afternoon tea and craft material. Please register by 5 July to Hannah on 0433 443 384.

Grace and Truth Evening

Men and women (18 years and older) are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters on Friday the 18 July for the next Grace and Truth evening. The evening will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers, Benediction, a light dinner, and talks by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP & Sr Susanna Edmunds OP. The event will run from 5-9PM, starting in the St Mary's Cathedral Crypt and moving to the Cathedral Hall. Cost: \$20. Registration closes 13 July.

<https://www.trybooking.com/DBGYB>. For more information, contact the Dominican Sisters at sydney@op-tn.org.

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.

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. Amen

ANGELUS

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

Today is the great feast of the Church of Rome, which was born of the witness of the Apostles Peter and Paul, and made fruitful by the outpouring of their blood and that of many martyrs. Even today, throughout the world, there continue to be Christians whom the Gospel inspires to be generous and courageous even to the sacrifice of their lives. We can speak of an ecumenism of blood, an unseen yet profound unity among Christian Churches that are not yet in full and visible communion. I would like to confirm on this solemn feast that my episcopal ministry is at the service of unity, and that the Church of Rome is committed by the blood shed by Saints Peter and Paul to serving in love the communion of all Churches.

The rock from which Peter received his name is Jesus Christ. He is the rock rejected by the builders, whom God made the cornerstone. This very Square, and the Papal Basilicas of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, are a sign of how that reversal continues in our own day. They are located on the outskirts of the city, “Outside the Walls,” as we say even today. What appears great and glorious to us today, was originally rejected and excluded because it ran counter to the thinking of this world. Those who follow Jesus must tread the path of the Beatitudes, where poverty of spirit, meekness, mercy, hunger and thirst for justice, and peace-making are often met with opposition and even persecution. Yet God’s glory shines forth in his friends and continues to shape them along the way, passing from conversion to conversion.

Dear brothers and sisters, at the tombs of the Apostles, which have been the object of pilgrimage for almost two thousand years, we come to realize that we too can pass from conversion to conversion. The New Testament does not conceal the errors, conflicts and sins of those whom we venerate as the greatest Apostles.

Their greatness was shaped by forgiveness. The risen Lord reached out to them more than once, to put them back on the right path. Jesus never calls just one time. That is why we can always hope. The Jubilee is itself a reminder of this.

Unity in the Church and among the Churches, dear sisters and brothers, is fostered by forgiveness and mutual trust, beginning with our families and communities. If Jesus can trust us, we can certainly trust one another in his name. May the Apostles Peter and Paul, together with the Virgin Mary, intercede for us, so that in this, our wounded world, the Church may always be a home and school of communion.

After the Angelus

Dear brothers and sisters,

I offer the assurance of my prayers for the Barthélémy Boganda High School community in Bangui, Central African Republic, which is in mourning following the tragic accident that caused numerous deaths and injuries among the students. May the Lord comfort the families and the entire community!

I extend my greetings to all of you, especially the faithful of Rome on the feast of your patron saints! My thoughts affectionately turn to the parish priests and all the priests who work in the parishes of Rome. I offer my gratitude and encouragement for their service.

This feast also marks the annual [Peter’s Pence](#) collection, which is a sign of communion with the Pope and participation in his apostolic ministry. I heartily thank all those who, with their gifts, support my first steps as the Successor of Peter.

I bless all those taking part in the “Quo Vadis?” event, occurring in the Roman places connected to Saints Peter and Paul. I would like to thank those who have worked hard to organize this initiative, as it helps to promote and honour the patron saints of Rome.

I greet the faithful from various countries who have accompanied their [Metropolitan Archbishops who received the Pallium today](#). I greet the pilgrims from Ukraine — I always pray for the Ukrainian people — from Mexico, Croatia, Poland, the United States of America, Venezuela, Brazil, the Saints Peter and Paul Choir from Indonesia, as well as numerous Eritrean faithful living in Europe; the groups from Martina Franca, Pontedera, San Vendemiano and Corbetta; the altar servers from Santa Giustina in Colle and the young people from Sommariva del Bosco.

I thank the Pro Loco of Rome and the artists who created the flower display in the Via della Conciliazione and Piazza Pio XII. Thank you!

I greet the Guanellian Collaborators of Central and Southern Italy, the Chiari Volunteer Association, the cyclists from Fermo and Varese, the Aniene 80 sports group and the pilgrims from “Connessione Spirituale”.

Sisters and brothers, let us continue to pray that weapons may be silenced everywhere and that peace may be achieved through dialogue.

Happy Sunday to all!

Seeds of Peace and Hope

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The theme of this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, chosen by our beloved [Pope Francis](#), is “Seeds of Peace and Hope”. On the tenth anniversary of the establishment of this Day of Prayer, which coincided with the publication of the Encyclical [Laudato Si'](#), we find ourselves celebrating the present Jubilee as “*Pilgrims of Hope*.” This year’s theme thus appears most timely.

In proclaiming the Kingdom of God, Jesus often used the image of the seed. As the time of his Passion drew near, he applied that image to himself, comparing himself to the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit (cf. *Jn* 12:24). Seeds are buried in the earth, and there, to our wonder, life springs up, even in the most unexpected places, pointing to the promise of new beginnings. We can think, for example, of flowers springing up on our roadsides from seeds that landed up there almost by chance. As those flowers grow, they brighten the gray tarmac and even manage to break through its hard surface.

In Christ, we too are seeds, and indeed, “seeds of peace and hope.” The prophet Isaiah tells us that the Spirit of God can make an arid and parched desert into a garden, a place of rest and serenity. In his words, “a spirit from on high will be poured out on us, and the wilderness will become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.

The work of righteousness will be peace, and the work of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places” (*Is* 32:15-18).

These words of the prophet will accompany the “Season of Creation,” an ecumenical initiative to be celebrated from 1 September to 4 Oct 2025. They remind us that, together with prayer, determination and concrete actions are necessary if this “caress of God” is to become visible to our world (cf. [Laudato Si'](#), 84). The prophet contrasts justice and law with the desolation of the desert. His message is extraordinarily timely, given the evidence in various parts of the world that our earth is being ravaged. On all sides, injustice, violations of international law and the rights of peoples, grave inequalities and the greed that fuels them are spawning deforestation, pollution and the loss of biodiversity. The extreme natural phenomena caused by climate changes provoked by human activity are growing in intensity and frequency (cf. [Laudato Deum](#), 5), to say nothing of the medium and long-term effects of the human and ecological devastation being wrought by armed conflicts.

As yet, we seem incapable of recognizing that the destruction of nature does not affect everyone in the same way. When justice and peace are trampled underfoot, those who are most hurt are the poor, the marginalized and the excluded. The suffering of indigenous communities is emblematic in this regard.

That is not all. Nature itself is reduced at times to a bargaining chip, a commodity to be bartered for economic or political gain. As a result, God’s creation turns into a battleground for the control of vital resources. We see this in agricultural areas and forests peppered with landmines, “scorched earth” policies, [1] conflicts over water sources, and the unequal distribution of raw materials, which penalizes the poorer nations and undermines social stability itself.

These various wounds are the effect of sin. This is surely not what God had in mind when he entrusted the earth to the men and women whom he created in his image (cf. *Gen* 1:24-29). The Bible provides no justification for us to exercise “tyranny over creation” ([Laudato Si'](#), 200). On the contrary, “the biblical texts are to be read in their context, with an appropriate hermeneutic, recognizing that they tell us to ‘till and keep’ the garden of the world [cf. *Gen* 2:15]. ‘Tilling’ refers to cultivating, ploughing or working, while ‘keeping’ means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving. This implies a relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature” (*ibid.*, 67).

Environmental justice – implicitly proclaimed by the prophets – can no longer be regarded as an abstract concept or a distant goal. It is an urgent need that involves much more than simply protecting the environment. For it is a matter of justice – social, economic and human. For believers it is also a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed. In a world where the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters are the first to suffer the devastating effects of climate change, deforestation and pollution, care for creation becomes an expression of our faith and humanity.

Now is the time to follow words with deeds. “Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience” ([Laudato Si'](#), 217). By working with love and perseverance, we can sow many seeds of justice and thus contribute to the growth of peace and the renewal of hope. It may well take years for this plant to bear its first fruits, years that, for their part, involve an entire ecosystem made up of continuity, fidelity, cooperation and love, especially if that love mirrors the Lord’s own self-sacrificing Love.

Among the Church’s initiatives that are like seeds sown in this field, I would mention the *Borgo Laudato Si'* project that Pope Francis bequeathed to us at Castel Gandolfo. It is a seed that promises to bear fruits of justice and peace, and an educational project in integral ecology that can serve as an example of how people can live, work and build community by applying the principles of [the Encyclical Laudato Si'](#).

I pray that Almighty God will send us in abundance his “Spirit from on high” (*Is* 32:15), so that these seeds, and others like them, may bring forth an abundant harvest of peace and hope.

The Encyclical [Laudato Si'](#) has now guided the Catholic Church and many people of good will for ten years. May it continue to inspire us and may integral ecology be increasingly accepted as the right path to follow. In this way, seeds of hope will multiply, to be “tilled and kept” by the grace of our great and unfailing Hope, who is the risen Christ. In his name, I offer all of you my blessing.

From the Vatican, 30 June 2025

LEO PP. XIV

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 July. 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.

July 2025

9	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
10	Over 50's Group Meeting	10.30am
20	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.

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. Vinoth 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

12/13 July

Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am: Fayelene Kennedy
Ministers	Vigil: Alexandra & Jesse Franco 8am: M. Santos, A. McNally 9.30am: G. Basili, C. Brooks
Readers	Vigil: N. Do Rosario, C. Rodrigues 8am: J. Mai, A. Pushparajan 9.30am: R. Epondulan, A. Han
Altar Servers	Vigil: Jacob & Benjamin Spadaro, Alina Monteiro 8am: Volunteers 9.30am: M. Glivic, C. Bellamin, C. Attard
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults Group
Musicians	Vigil: OFS (Bernadette) 8am: Christine Woodward 9.30am: Togan Choir
Flowers	Claudette & Siani
Church Cleaning	17 July Cathy Hutchings Annette Peatman Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Volunteer 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Raul Nigli

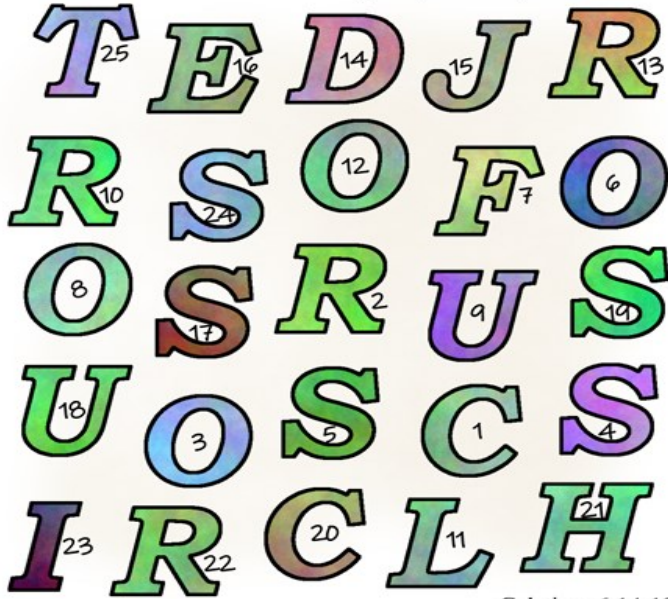
The Kids' Bulletin

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 6th, 2025

What did Saint Paul say in today's second reading?
Sort out the letters by number to find out!

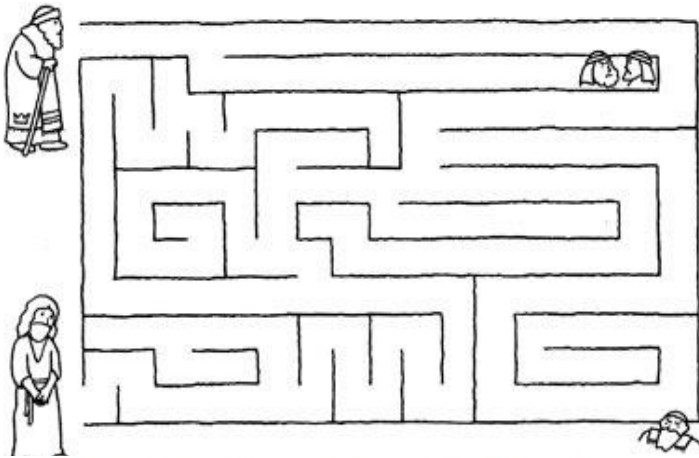
Far be it from me to glory except in the



Galatians 6:14-18

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- 23-15-18-11-5-18-19 _____

Go in Jesus' Name

"However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:20 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 10:1-10, 16-20



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