

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

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

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## 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10 August 2025 • Year C



### Let us Pray for the Sick

Florence Arinanan, Lorenzo Balabat, Sarah Bartolo, Max Barrett, Irene Cabasa, Esperanza M. Camat, Hoa Chau, Lawrence Charles, James Debatista, Ben Dixon, Alma Caguimbal, Para Dias, Mary Camilleri, John Crowther, Lucia Fernando, Renuka Fernando, Tracy Galea, Philippe Honore, Lynnda Lim-Huynh, Anthony Janicska, Tristen Jantzen, Odette James, Mary Jordan, Klare Kinsley, Paul Leong, Melissa Mead, Blago Milicevic, Zeferino Jayson Morales, Gary Morrissey, Maricar Poblete, Tessie Portelli, Veronica Portelli, Debra Price, Camy Ratnam, Luzviminda Camat Robles, 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](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:** Rodney Bell, William Rebecca Bermudo, Lorna Dehdeh, Kevin Dougherty, Caridad Eco, Eric Fernando, Clara Galucci, Oscar Montano, Elaine Mooney, Merle Morrissey, Lorraine Muscat, Angeles Nalumen, Crispin Nuneza, Anula Rupesinghe, Paul Sammut, Cecilia Thomas, Eric Trek.

**Anniversaries:** Cecilia Abela, Mary Alagiah, France Angseesing, Cecil Beed, Giovanni Barnaba, Frank & Victor Baiada, Ronald Barley, Romeo Biniahian, Nazarene (Ronnie) Borg, Sam Borg, Elaine Bosen, Denis Brophy, Ceferino & Rosario Cabasa, Rose Camenzuli, Joseph & Terry Caruana, Catherine Chandra, Murial Chary, Aloysean Corera, David Quan Dang, Silvia Debatista, Conchita Deloso, Monica, Conception & Dominic D'Souza, Fr. Loiseau, Alexander Farrugia, Joan Falzon, John Fernando, M.A Fernando, Sam Formosa, Emmanuel Francis, Anthony, Francisca & Zenaida Garcia, Tarcisio 'Archie' Gatt, Christine & Josephine Gomez, S.M John, Muriel Jordan, Ajay Kallukalam, Michael Kolosa, Laurence Morrissey, Edouard Mahomudally, Mary Muscat, April Marabe, Pietro Marra, Maria Regina & Graciano Menezes, Xavier Motha Jnr, Paul Mula, Albert & Joseph Mula, Lissy, Jose & Mary Kutty, Tony Muscat, Cordula Paiva, Estelita Palmos, Nieves Torres Palmos, Adrian Perera, Lakshman Perera, Laureano Reyes, Rosita Rival, Cornelio & Iluminada Rondario, Natalie Spiteri, Mary Silva, Rosary Silva, Eddie Tabone, John Tanti, Melchor Usman, Dionisio Udan. Deceased members of the Falzon & Muscat families.

**Remembrance:** Neil Amaratunga, Gregorio Almodovar, Frank & Fortunata Baiada, Peter & Helen Bonnici, Josephine Borg, Bridgette Cash, Barrie Chamberlain, Renato & Marilyn Cabasa, Fe & Elenito Carmen, Dennis Clarke, Johnny Edwards, Sam & Silvia Debatista, Carmen, Jimmy, Antonia, Tania, Tony, Vicki, Louie, Joe & Lancer De Guire, Ngan Siu Eng, Ron & Joy Fenech, John & Helen Fenech, O. Francis, J. Francis, Joseph & Carmena Formosa, Melvyn Fernandes, Nevis Fernando, Mario & Joe Gat, Maximilian & Julian Epondulan, Sam Gabo, Mary & Sam Galea, Evangeline Garcia, Leandro Snr Garcia, Jose Garcia, Teodoro Garcia, Selvam Irudayaraj, Jonathan Tek Kie, Harold, Marc, Rosine Lafuer, Apolinario & Felina Maglaya, Sophia Zonna Matua, Tania McGove, John & Maureen Mead, Pauline Meilak, Alfred Micalleff, Leo Ngan, Cole Ngan, Mangion & Cini Family, William & Emilia Mifsud, Joseph & Doris Mifsud, Mary Mifsud, Sashin Patrick Manamperi, Anton & Lourda Motha, Louis, Stephen & Joseph Mula, Mary & Francis Muscat, Colleen O'Sullivan, Con Pelegri, Lakshman Perera, Ngan Pin, Eustace Ratnam, John & Roseline Ratnam, Mary Silva, Cua Sing, George & Bridgette Sammut, Tony Vassollo, Shane Vaz, Jim Vella, Bibiano & Priscila Villanueva, 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 Wisdom 18:6-9*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**(R)** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

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**SECOND READING** *A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland.

They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 12:32-48*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes.

I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the men servants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



## FROM FR. HENRY

Dear friends,

Not long ago I read somewhere that a billionaire in the US already known for his philanthropy projects worldwide over the years, made a pledge to donate all his money to charity works before he dies. What fantastic news for our planet!

Though I am not sure whether the information I read was correct and whether the man will honour his promise to give away all that he has to enrich the world, he at least in theory shows us the intention to follow what Jesus asks the disciples in the Gospel today by building an everlasting treasure for them in heaven, the one no thief can ever touch and no moth can destroy, and they can do it by means of giving alms with the selling of their possessions.

Jesus then used the parable of the responsible servant to encourage the disciples to remain vigilant and steadfast in faith, and get themselves fully prepared to welcome his coming at all times. Just like the servant whose master was out for the wedding reception at night, and expected to return at a time unknown to him, he kept doing all his works as usual, and got himself ready to open the door for the master no matter when.

He also utilised the striking image of the burglar to highlight the surprise nature of his coming understood both as his Second Coming at the end time and also as his coming to call us at the time of our death.

For those servants who remain faithful in their employment, they shall be honoured and rewarded, and on the other hand those who fail to do their job properly and misbehave themselves like beating their fellow servants and eating and drinking excessively shall be dealt with harshly by the master. Both the language and the image used in this part of the account encourage us to think of a punishment in hell. Consequently we'd better model our lives on the example of the responsible servants, meaning to remain faithful to our faith in our Lord both in what we say and do at all times, so that whenever he comes, either at the Second Coming or his sudden coming to call us to return home, he will always find us carrying the lamp of faith shining the light of good works.

Have a charity-filled week.

*Fr Henry*

## PARISH NEWS...

### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASS TIMES

Friday the 15th of August, mass times for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary are at 9.15am (school mass) and 7.00pm. All are welcome to join.

### LOURDES OVER 50s GROUP

Over 50's meeting this Thursday 14th August, 10.30am–1pm in the Parish Hall and during this time we will be joined by the students of OLOL for a concert. We look forward to seeing you there. Please bring a plate to share.

### SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST 2025

A reminder that the sacramental meetings have began. The next meeting is Wednesday 13 August at 6.30pm in the Hall or Saturday 16 August in the Parish Meeting Room. For further information please contact Artelle in the parish office.

### TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE 9TH & 10TH AUGUST

Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) volunteers will be selling raffle tickets and merchandise this weekend. All proceeds will directly support their free legal clinic provided for over 17 years to disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable people of Western Sydney. Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 10 tickets with ten prizes.

### SUNDAY EVENING MASS 5PM

Next Sunday the 17th of August, we have our additional mass at 5.00pm. It is an opportunity for our parishioners, especially the young ones to attend Mass on Sunday.

### A MORE WELCOMING PARISH

At our last Parish Pastoral Council meeting, the members of the Council had a good discussion about different ways to make our Parish Community more inclusive and welcoming based on the Pastoral Plan handbook provided by diocese of Parramatta. We therefore are continuing the process of discernment to find out the best way we can moving forward in this ministry. In the meantime, may I invite everyone in the Parish to pay more attention to those sitting around you at Mass, give them a good smile and say hi to them either before or after Mass. Many thanks.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OLOL WINTER APPEAL

'Sell your possessions and give alms, get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you in heaven.' This is the practical way Jesus encourages us to follow in order to gain for ourselves a treasure in the divine world, and this Winter appeal obviously gives us to respond to the Lord's invitation. Please donate generously to the appeal.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

A gentle reminder to all members of our Parish Pastoral Council of our monthly meeting on Wednesday 13 August at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting room, please arrange your time to attend.

### THE GROTTA: OLOL JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

We had our movie night last weekend with 50 children in attendance! We watched Dr Seuss' 'Horton Hears a Who', a hilarious movie which shows the power of standing up for those who can't stand up for themselves. Thank you to the parents and their children, we had a great turnout and a fun night! We invite children aged 9-14yrs old to join us again next Sunday 17 August, for our junior youth group meeting, in the Parish Meeting Room, 3.30pm to 6pm which includes the 5pm mass. For further information or to register please contact our Youth Coordinator, Diana Park via email at [dianap@olol7hills.com.au](mailto:dianap@olol7hills.com.au) or search 'OLOL Youth Ministry' on Facebook.

### FR JOSEPH LAM BOOK ON POPE LEO XIV

Fr Joseph Lam, Parish Priest at the Parish of Baulkham Hills, has produced a new book that explores the traces of St Augustine in the words and messages of the successors of St Peter since 2005: Benedict XVI, Francis and Leo XIV. The book is \$45, with proceeds to help the renovation of the old heritage building at Baulkham Hills. To pre-order the book, please contact [admin@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au](mailto:admin@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au).

### TEXTA MARKING ON PEWS

With all the excitement of doing the back page of the bulletin, a gentle reminder for parents to ensure children don't draw on the seats and are careful with Texta marking the wooden pews. Thank you for your co-operation.



## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Positions Vacant

- Training & Development Specialist – Safeguarding: Diocese of Parramatta
- Facilitator – Family Engagement: Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](http://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)

### Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings – 2025-26 Social Justice Statement: 13 August

"Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings" are quarterly online gatherings for everyone interested in social justice, care for creation, or global peace. The next gathering on Wednesday 13 August from 6.30pm to 8pm will break open the 2025-2026 ACBC Social Justice Statement: "Signs of Hope on the Edge – Serving Homeless People with Mental Ill-Health", which will be launched on the same day. To receive a Zoom link, please RSVP to [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

### Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend: 16-17 August

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on 16-17 August, with future dates in November and February 2026. For further information, visit [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au)

### MET Natural Fertility Instruction Sessions: 19 August

MET Natural Fertility are organising a series of instruction sessions on the Natural Family Planning methods offered by the Diocese of Parramatta via Zoom. Learn how to chart your cycle, space out pregnancies and identify the best time to reach your family goals. The next session on the Sympto-Thermal Method will be held on Tuesday 19 August from 7.15pm to 8.15pm. For more information and to register, please visit [parracatholic.org/natural-fertility](http://parracatholic.org/natural-fertility)

### Baulkham Hills Parish Community Fete: 21 September

Join the Baulkham Hills Parish for their Community Fete on Sunday, 21 September 2025, 10am-4pm, at St Michael's Primary School, Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills. There will be delicious food, music, entertainment, games and activities for all!

## LOL SAFEGUARDING NEWS

### Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities: 1-3 September

The next sessions of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on the following days at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre:

- Monday 1 September for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 9.30am to 2.30pm
- Tuesday 2 September for Renewal training (Modules 4 and 5) from 10am to 1.39pm
- Wednesday 3 September for Refresher training (Module 6) from 10am to 12noon.

Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

### Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day: 17 August

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day on Sunday 17 August from 10am to around 3pm at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. There will be an introduction to Christian Meditation for newcomers with periods of meditation for ongoing meditators, presentations and prayer with the monks. There will be a Mass celebrated in the afternoon. Morning tea provided, but please bring your own picnic lunch. Donations are welcome. For enquiries, please contact Ann Lomas via the below [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com) or call 0437 340 250.

### Entries open for the 2025 The Good Oil Writers' Award

Entries are invited for The Good Oil 2025 Writers' Award, an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan in partnership with Garratt Publishing. In this Jubilee Year in the Church, the theme of the award is Pilgrims of Hope. The award aims to support and encourage the development of aspiring and published writers. Entry is free and open to writers aged 18 and over. Entries close at 5pm AEST on Friday 29 August 2025. For further information, visit:

<https://www.goodsams.org.au/article/entries-invited-for-the-good-oil-2025-writers-award/>

### Caritas Australia prayer for Gaza

On a daily basis, we are all hearing reports of the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza that has claimed over 58,000 lives to date, with tens of thousands more wounded or missing under rubble. Caritas is calling for an immediate ceasefire. Pope Leo XIV encourages us, "one and all, to build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace." Caritas Australia invites us to pray for the people of Gaza. If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, please donate online at [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413.

### Expressions of Interest now open for Australian Catholic Youth Festival: Closes 25 August

The Diocese of Parramatta will be joining the Australian Church at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne from 30 November to 3 December 2025! Join thousands of young Catholics from across Australia for an unforgettable festival featuring inspiring guest speakers, artists, and musicians. For more details and to express your interest by 25 August 2025, see [parracatholic.org/connect/acyf](http://parracatholic.org/connect/acyf) or email [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org)

### Children and Young People's Participation

A Safeguarding culture for Children and Young People is fostered and sustained at LOL by our parish community being committed to living the Gospel by serving the most vulnerable. Here at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Seven Hills we implement all Arch/Diocesan policies, procedures and community standards that are Child and Young Person centred to lift barriers so their voices can be heard and their participation valued.

### 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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## POPE LEO'S ANGELUS

*Dear friends,*

The Lord Jesus is present among us and within us: all things and all people in the Eucharist. United with him, we wish to offer up a huge "thank you" to the Father for the gift of these days of your Jubilee. It has been an outpouring of grace for the Church and for the whole world! This has been possible through the participation of each one of you. For this, I wish to thank each of you, with all my heart. In particular I am thinking of the two young pilgrims, Maria and Pascale, one Spanish and the other Egyptian, who have passed away in these days. I entrust them to the Lord. I thank the bishops, priests, religious men and women, and educators who accompanied you and all those who prayed for this event and participated spiritually.

In communion with Christ, our peace and hope for the world, we are closer than ever to young people who suffer the most serious evils, which are caused by other human beings. We are with the young people of Gaza, we are with the young people of Ukraine, with those of every land bloodied by war. My young brothers and sisters, you are the sign that a different world is possible: a world of fraternity and friendship, where conflicts are not resolved with weapons but with dialogue.

Yes, with Christ it is possible! With his love, with his forgiveness, and with the power of his Spirit. My dear friends, united to Jesus, like branches to the vine, you will bear much fruit. You will be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. You will be seeds of hope where you live, in your families, among your friends, at school, at work, and in sports. You will be seeds of hope with Christ, our hope.

After this Jubilee, the "pilgrimage of hope" of young people continues and will take us to Asia! I renew the invitation that Pope Francis extended in Lisbon two years ago. Young people from all over the world will gather together with the Successor of Peter to celebrate World Youth Day in Seoul, Korea, from 3rd to 8th August 2027. The theme will be "Take courage! I have overcome the world!" (Jn 16:33). It is precisely the hope that dwells in our hearts that gives us the strength to proclaim the victory of the risen Christ over evil and death; and you, young pilgrims of hope, will be witnesses of this to the ends of the earth! I look forward to seeing you in Seoul: let us continue to dream together and to hope together.

Let us entrust ourselves to the maternal protection of the Virgin Mary.

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### **Words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV to Young People following Holy Mass - Jubilee of Youth**

Dear young people, I would like to offer a few final words.

Thank you again to all of you! Thank you for the music, thank you to everyone who worked to prepare so many things during this week for this Jubilee.

We have already said that the next gathering will be in Korea. A round of applause to the many Koreans in attendance!

I ask you also to bring greetings to the many young people who could not be here with us, in so many countries where it was impossible to leave. There are places from where young people could not come here, for reasons that we know.

Bring this joy, this enthusiasm to the whole world. You are salt of the earth and the light of the world! Take this greeting to all of your friends, to all of the young people who need a message of hope.

Again, thank you to all of you! And have a safe trip home.

### **APPEAL**

Today marks the eightieth anniversary of the atomic bombing of the Japanese city of Hiroshima, and in two days' time we will remember that of Nagasaki. I wish to assure my prayers to all those who have suffered its physical, psychological and social effects. Despite the passing of the years, those tragic events constitute a universal warning against the devastation caused by wars and, in particular, by nuclear weapons. I hope that in the contemporary world, marked by strong tensions and bloody conflicts, the illusory security based on the threat of mutual destruction may give way to the tools of justice, to the practice of dialogue, and to trust in fraternity.

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## POPE LEO'S ADDRESS AT THE RECENT GENERAL AUDIENCE

Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. III. The Passover of Jesus. 1. *The preparation of the supper. "Make the preparations for us there" (Mk 14:15)*

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

Let us continue our Jubilee journey in the discovery of the face of Christ, in whom our hope takes shape and also consistency. Today we will start to reflect on the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Let us begin by meditating on a word that seems simple but holds a precious secret of Christian life: *prepare*.

In the Gospel of Mark, it is told that "on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, 'Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?'"

(Mk 14:12). It is a practical question, but also filled with anticipation. The disciples perceive that something important is about to happen, but they do not know the details. Jesus' answer seems almost to be a riddle: "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water" (v. 13). The details become symbolic: a man carrying a jar, a typically feminine gesture at that time; an upstairs room already prepared; an unknown host. It is as if everything has been arranged in advance. In fact, this is exactly the case. In this episode, the Gospel shows that love is not the result of chance, but of a conscious choice. It is not a simple reaction, but a decision that requires preparation. Jesus does not face his passion out of fatalism, but out of fidelity to a path freely and carefully accepted and followed. This is what comforts us: knowing that the gift of his life stems from conscious intention, not a sudden impulse.

That "upstairs room already prepared" tells us that God always precedes us. Even before we realize we need to be welcomed, the Lord has already prepared a space for us where we can recognize ourselves and feel we are his friends. This place is, fundamentally, our heart: a "room" that may seem empty, but awaits only to be recognized, filled and cherished. The Passover, which the disciples must prepare, is in reality already present in Jesus' heart. He has already thought of everything, arranged everything, decided everything. However, he asks his friends to do their part. This teaches us something essential for our spiritual life: grace does not eliminate our freedom, but rather awakens it. God's gift does not eliminate our responsibility, but makes it fruitful.

Today too, like then, there is a supper to prepare. It is not only a matter of the liturgy, but of our readiness to enter into a gesture that transcends us. The Eucharist is not celebrated only at the altar, but also in daily life, where it is possible to experience everything as an offering and giving of thanks. To prepare to celebrate this thanksgiving does not mean doing more, but leaving room. It means removing what encumbers us, reducing our demands and ceasing to hold unrealistic expectations. Indeed, too often we confuse preparations with illusions. Illusions distract us; preparations guide us. Illusions seek a result; preparations make an encounter possible. True love, the Gospel reminds us, is given before it is reciprocated. It is an anticipatory gift. It is not based on what is received, but on what one wishes to offer. It is what Jesus lived with his disciples: while they still did not understand, while one of them was about to betray him and another to deny him, he was *preparing* a communion supper for them all.

Dear brothers and sisters, we too are invited to "prepare the Passover" of the Lord. Not only the liturgical one: that of our life too. Every gesture of willingness, every gratuitous act, every forgiveness given in advance, every effort patiently accepted, is a way to prepare a place where God can dwell. We can ask ourselves, then: what spaces in my life do I need to put in order so that they are ready to receive the Lord? What does it mean for me today to "prepare"? Perhaps to renounce a demand, to stop waiting for others to change, to take the first step. Perhaps to listen more, to act less, or to learn how to trust in what has already been prepared.

If we accept the invitation to prepare the place of communion with God and among ourselves, we will discover we are surrounded by signs, encounters and words that guide us towards that room, spacious and already prepared, in which the mystery of an infinite love, sustaining us and always preceding us, is celebrated unceasingly. May the Lord grant us to be humble preparers of his presence. And, in this daily readiness, may that serene trust also grow in us, allowing us to face everything with a free heart. Because where love has been prepared, life can truly flourish.

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### Special greetings:

I extend a warm welcome to all the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's Audience, especially those coming from South Africa, Vietnam, Canada, United States of America. During summer, a time normally set aside for holidays and recreation, let us not neglect the Lord's invitation to prepare our hearts by always actively participating in the Eucharist and by doing generous acts of charity. May God bless you all!

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### Summary of the Holy Father's words:

Dear brothers and sisters: today, in our continuing catechesis on the Jubilee theme of "Christ our Hope," we begin our reflection on Jesus' passion, death and resurrection by considering the importance of preparing for an encounter with God. In the passage we just read, the disciples were surprised to find that the upper room had already been made ready for them to celebrate the Passover. We are invited to discover here an image of our own hearts, chosen and set aside by the Lord as a place of encounter with him. First, however, we must respond to the Lord's initiative by preparing our hearts through concrete acts of love, forgiveness and self-giving so that he may come and dwell within us. By asking for our cooperation he reminds us that true love — like the Passion itself — is not the result of chance, but a conscious and free decision to give of oneself. Let us ask the Lord today to teach us how prepare for his presence and so be able to welcome him, and those around us, into our hearts.

## 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 14th August 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](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.

#### August 2025

13	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
13	Sacramental Meeting (3rd)	6.30pm
14	Over 50's Meeting	10.30am

## OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

#### 9/10 August

Acolytes	Vigil: Derick Soares 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am: Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil: R. Soares, F. Paiva 8am: M. Santos, F. Kennedy 9.30am: P. Gow, M. Michael
Readers	Vigil: C. Rodrigues, A. Punch 8am: P. Ferriols, A. McNally 9.30am: Z. Smith, N. Arambulo
Altar Servers	Vigil: M. Forrest, G. George, J. Steele 8am: Volunteers 9.30am: L. Sager, N. D'Cruz, L. Sadipoor
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults Group
Musicians	Vigil: Christine Woodward 8am: Fr Henry 9.30am: Tongan Choir
Flowers	Claudette, Fennie & Raquel
Church Cleaning	21 August Cathy Hutchings Annette Peatman Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Ugre 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Volunteer

#### 16/17 August

Acolytes	Vigil: Darryl Green 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am: Eugene Miu
Ministers	Vigil: Jesse & Alexandra Franco 8am: L. Fernandes, T. Perak 9.30am: A. Han, M. Aquino
Readers	Vigil: Yxaak & Yxavel Dino 8am: K. Walker, J. Cabasa 9.30am: R. Epondulan, L. Rigney
Altar Servers	Vigil: Joshua & Jessica Jeganathan, A. Faulkner-Dhiman 8am: C. Bellamin, J. Blackshaw 9.30am: Julian & Orlando Martinez, K. Cassaniti
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Tongan Choir
Musicians	Vigil: K. Thoms, C.W 8am: Christine Clarke 9.30am: Maximilian Chorale
Flowers	Fennie & Angela
Church Cleaning	27 August Jessie Borg Anne McNally Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Raul Nigli



# The Kids' Bulletin

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 10th, 2025

## Treasures in Heaven

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.  
Luke 12:34 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 12:32-34 (NIV).

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Luke 12:32-48

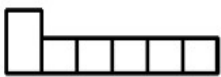
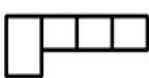
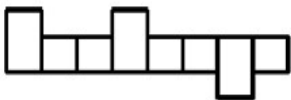
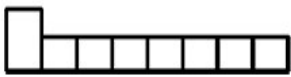
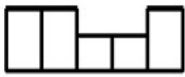
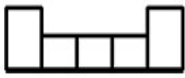
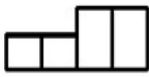

*Jesus tells us to be prepared for when He comes back. We don't know when that will be so we should always be ready.*

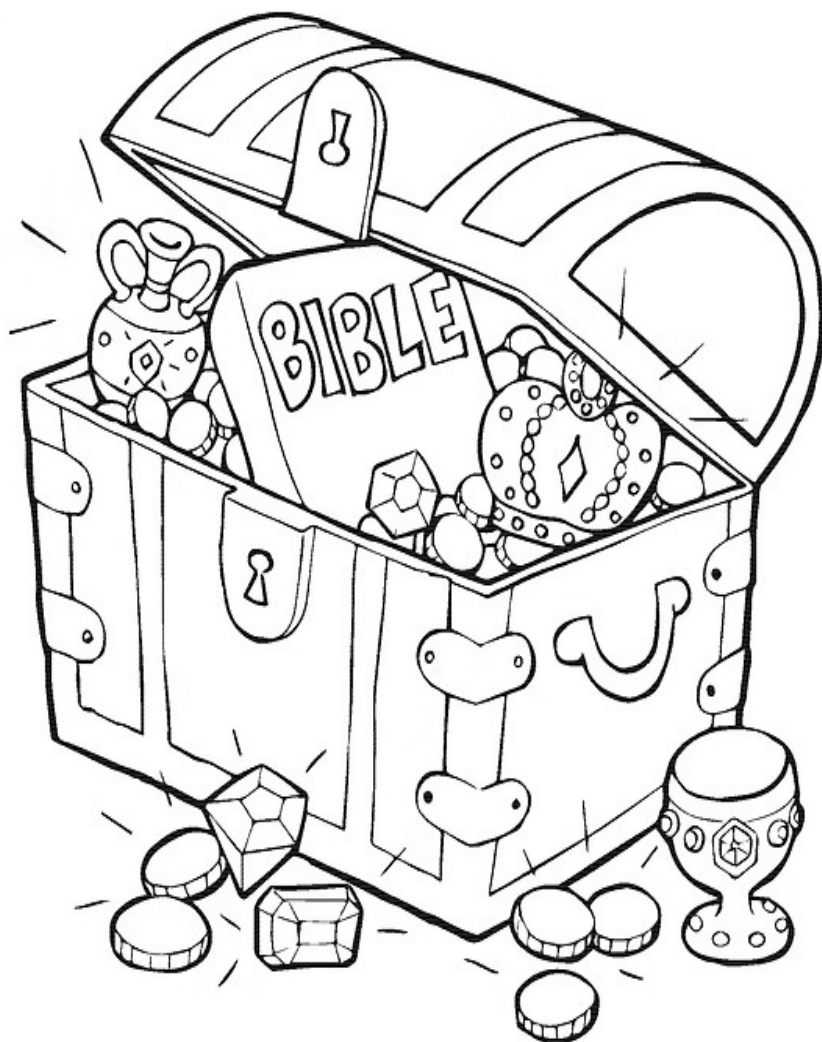
*Help these children find their way to Jesus!*

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