

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

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

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## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 28 September 2025 • Year C



### Let us Pray for the Sick

Florence Arinanan, Lorenzo Balabat, Sarah Bartolo, Max Barrett, Luigi Bertinato, Irene Cabasa, Esperanza M. Camat, Lawrence Charles, James Debattista, Ben Dixon, Alma Caguimbal, Para Dias, Mary Camilleri, John Crowther, Lucia Fernando, Renuka Fernando, Philippe Honore, Anthony Janicska, Tristen Jantzen, Mary Jordan, Klare Kinsley, Paul Leong, Melissa Mead, Blago Milicevic, Zeferino Jayson Morales, Gary Morrissey, Lynnda Lim-Huynh, Michelle Pellicano, Maricar Poblete, Debra Price, Camy Ratnam, Luzviminda Camat Robles, Arabella Steele, Sue Tipaldo, Chandra Sampantham, Caroline Stevenson, 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:** Rosita Ballecer, Alberto De Guzman, Rita De Silva, Cecilia Fantin, Merita Fernando, Tracy Galea, Sanjivan Gnanaratnam, Maria Mendonca, Arnold Naldoza, Danny Abi Ngan, Jesus Nufable, Doreen Monana Palms, Tessie Portelli, Ronald Quilantang, Noel Rawlston, Rosemalar Sangarrappillai, Rubilinda Saquian, Christopher Solomon, Milagros Trembevilla Fernandez, Ralph Vaz

**Anniversaries:** Leisle Abreo, Mary Alagiah, France Angseesing, Victor Azzopardi, Horace Baptist, Cecil Beed, Sam Borg, Joseph Camenzuli, Teresa David, Silvia Debattista, Berlino Dulza, Alexander Farugia, Emmanuel Francis, M.A Fernando, Meriita Fernando, Sammy Formosa, Ethan Garcia, Helena Kokoszka, April Marabe, Pietro Marra, Antonio Marra, George Motha, Bertu Mula, Albert & Josephe Mula, Paul Mula, Louis & Stephen Mula, Lissy, Jose & Mary Kutty, Charles Muscat, Tony Muscat, Paolo Pineda, Gloria Reforma, Benigno Rival Sr, Caroline Susainathan, Mary & Arthur Zammit.

**Remembrance:** Neil Amaratunga, Gregorio Almodovar, John Azzopardi, Sydney Azie, Peter & Helen Bonnici, Barrie Chamberlain, Renato & Marlyn Cabasa, Dennis Clarke, Johnny Edwards, Sam & Silvia Debattista, Carmen, Jimmy, Antonia, Tania, Tony, Vicki, Louie, Joe & Launcer De Guire, Ngan Siu Eng, O. Francis, J. Francis, 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 Laffuer, Apolinario & Felina Maglaya, Sophia Zonna Matua, Tania McGove, John & Maureen Mead, Pauline Meilak, 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, Jim & Philippa Muscat, Agustin Ngalongalay, Colleen O'Sullivan, Estelita Palms, Lakshman Perera, Ngan Pin, John Portelli, Eustace Ratnam, John & Roseline Ratnam, Mary Silva, Cua Sing, Sheadon Trek, Melchor Usman, Dionisio Udan, Tony Vassollo, Shane Vaz, Jim Vella, Bibiano & Priscila Villanueva, Rita Xuerib, Vinnie Zahra, Robert & Leila Zammit, Mary Zammit.

**\*\*Names will be published for 2 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**.



#### KEEP UP TO DATE

By visiting our parish website with news, the bulletin, prayers and much more. Visit [www.olol7hills.org.au](http://www.olol7hills.org.au)

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**FIRST READING** *A reading from the prophet Amos 6:1.4-7*

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The word of the Lord.

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**(R)** Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

3. He upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**

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**SECOND READING** *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 6:11-16*

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses.

Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

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**GOSPEL** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 16:19-31*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.



**From Fr. Henry**

Dear friends,

Imagine that you go to work and earn \$3.00 per day and pay for food and other necessities, do you think you will survive with this income? I think for most Australians, this is unimaginable but it is true for 808 million people throughout the world according to United Nations SDG Report 2025 while just a small group of people and nations, on the other hand, share bigger portions of the wealth cake. That's no wonder why Pope Leo XIV made his comment in his first official interview as Pope regarding to the projections that an American billionaire will become the world's first trillionaire. 'What does that mean and what's that about? If that is the only thing that has value anymore, then we're in big trouble,' lamented the pope.

Though Jesus considered money as tainted as he pointed out in the Gospel last Sunday, or as an obstacle to make it hard for us to gain a place in heaven as he famously said, 'it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God' (cf. Lk 18.25; Mk 10.25; Mt 19.24), he also acknowledged in the Gospel last Sunday that money might become a redemptive means, if we know how to use it wisely to win friends who will welcome us in heaven one day.

Prior to last Sunday, we heard several Gospel accounts in which Jesus conveyed messages encouraging people to become rich before God, to build up heavenly treasure, to sell their possessions, and to give alms to help the needy. Then, this Sunday, He tells the parable of the rich man and the poor man named Lazarus. The rich man dressed luxuriously and feasted magnificently every day, completely ignoring Lazarus, who was sick and lying at his door, waiting for the scraps that fell from his dining table. Their lives, however, dramatically changed after death, Lazarus enjoyed the reward in heaven with Abraham representing the holy ones of God, and the rich man ended up in Hades being engulfed in the flames and was thirsty of even a drop of water to cool his tongue.

Despite such a massive turnaround, the rich man had not changed his bossy attitude and still demand for Lazarus to give him some water and to be sent to his home to tell his brothers to convert, but Abraham made it very clear that there is an unreachable gulf between them, and that his brothers have to listen to the teachers of faith sent to them by God.

With this parable, Jesus really challenges us to take actions and not to blind our eyes before the miseries of the poor and the needy around us, if we refuse to do something within our power and capacity, we will surely end up like the rich man in eternity.

Let us pray for the wisdom to treasure the message Jesus confides to us in the Gospel today, and the determination to give our helping hand in the fight against world poverty.

Have a charity-charged week.

*Fr Henry*

## PARISH NEWS...

### DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS 5TH OCTOBER

A gentle reminder to place your clocks forward 1 hour next Sunday from 2am.

### ALTAR SERVERS DAY OUT

We invite all altar servers to join us on Saturday the 4th of October for an Altar Servers Day Out! This will be a trip to the city including mass at St Mary's cathedral and a paid lunch. An email has been sent out to parents with a link to the online permission form. If you haven't received one or for further information, please contact Diana Park via email [dianap@olol7hills.com.au](mailto:dianap@olol7hills.com.au)

### RCIA 2025/26

For anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or simply learning more about what it means to be a Catholic, we will begin our RCIA faith journey with the 'Inquiry Stage' of the process on the 5th of October this year. Any parishioners who would like to partake in the discussion of the Sunday Readings on a regular basis or even on the occasional Sunday, you are most welcome to join us after the Liturgy of the Word at 9.30am mass. We meet in the Parish Office. For further information or enquiries, please contact Artelle in the parish office.

### FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT (FGM) AT OLOL

The "Joyful Journey" group is embarking on an exciting trip to Mudgee over the October long weekend (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>). Thus far, 6 families (total of 24pax) have confirmed, and cabins booked. The group are looking forward to it. The "Divine Rainbow" group went hiking on Saturday 20-September at Walder Park, Prospect Reservoir. This activity was also undertaken earlier in the year and is a popular choice. Please contact the Parish office if you would like to join the Family Group.

### A PRACTICAL TIP EACH WEEK TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION

**TIP 3: Clean the house, school or parish with ecological and biodegradable products.**

We care for the atmosphere and our health by avoiding chemical compounds that degrade ozone, pollute the air and cause damage to our respiratory system.

### A REPORT FROM OUR LAST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Apart from usual reports from various groups in the Parish, we also made two important decisions as following:

1/ To renew the Welcoming group by making this group available to everyone, consequently we then invite all our parishioners who go to Mass early to get the bulletins and distribute them at our church doors; 2/ To bring Communion to those who are less mobile at Mass, from now on if those who wish to receive Holy Communion at the seat, please raise your hand up at the end of Holy Communion to signal one of the ministers to bring the Body of Christ for you.

### COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2026

New Columba calendars for next year 2026 are available in the piety store for purchase, please check out.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who recently made their First Holy Communion. We pray that you continue to grow in faith with the strong support from your families and the community. Get ready to serve the altar as Altar servers early next year!

### LOURDES PLAYGROUP

Please note that Lourdes Playgroup has ended for term 3. Playgroup will resume for term 4 on Friday 17 October. We look forward to seeing you then for more fun and games.



## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Back to Basics Serving at the Altar Workshop: 11 October

Back by popular demand! We have decided to repeat the 'Back to Basics' Seminar for Acolytes and Ministers of the Altar (Senior Servers) who missed the last sessions and those who would like to attend again. This seminar will occur on Saturday 11 October from 9:30am to 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. RSVP by 7 October via <https://parracatholic.org/events/serving-at-the-altar-workshop/>. Contact the Office for Worship team for more information: [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

### Jesuit Refugee Services Fundraising Dinner: 10 October

We invite you to join Jesuit Refugee Service Australia for a night of faith, fellowship, and hope at our annual fundraiser, An Evening of Hope, on Friday, 10 Oct 2025 at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall. Our evening will begin at 6pm with Mass, followed by dinner, enjoying an inspiring program of raffles, entertainment, and heartfelt stories all in support of JRS's mission to accompany, serve, and advocate for those forced to flee. Tickets are \$160pp, or \$1,200 for a table of 8. Reserve your place and purchase your ticket here: [JRS Australia 2025 Fundraiser Dinner– An Evening of Hope](#) or via the QR code.



### Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying Formation: 8 November

Are you currently taking Communion to the sick and dying in the Diocese of Parramatta? If so, please join the Office for Worship for a day of ongoing formation to further your knowledge & understanding of this important topic. Saturday 8 November 9:30am – 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and Lunch provided. For more information and to register before 3 Nov, please contact the Office for Worship Team 0488 000 211 or email [OFW@parracatholic.org](mailto:OFW@parracatholic.org)

**Design our next *Catholic Outlook Magazine* front cover!**  
We're inviting *you* to design the front cover of the *Catholic Outlook Magazine's* Christmas and Summer 2025 edition! People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. Let's make this Advent and Christmas season a canvas of faith and joy – together. Please submit your entry by Friday 7 November 2025 – with a short description of your artwork – via [parracatholic.org/artcomp](https://parracatholic.org/artcomp)

## LOL SAFEGUARDING NEWS

### 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).

### 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>.

### Closing soon! Register now for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival

The Diocese of Parramatta will be joining the Church in Australia 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. Registrations have been extended until 1 October for young people aged 18-25. For more details and to register, see [parracatholic.org/connect/acyf](https://parracatholic.org/connect/acyf) or email [qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org](mailto:qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org)



### Develop community self-reliance and create lasting change! Palms Australia

Discover Palms International Volunteering [online](#) in this special session you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact within communities. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

**Venue:** Online- Scan the QR or register at [palms.org.au/events](https://palms.org.au/events)

**Date:** Thursday 30 October 2025

**Time:** 7 pm – 8.30 pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)  
02 9560 5333 [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)



### Season of Creation Camping Trip: 3-6 October

Set aside your busy lifestyle for a few days to join with friends, family and other members of the faith community to celebrate the Season of Creation. Enjoy a relaxed camping experience for the whole family with optional activities to engage in fun, creative and prayerful ways with our Creator and creation. The trip will run from Friday 3 to Monday 6 October at Wooglemai Catholic Bush Retreat Centre, Oakdale. Campers are welcome to arrive from Friday afternoon to get set up and also stay beyond Mass on Sunday for an informal time together until Monday. Individual campers: \$40; Camping couples: \$75; Family camping groups: \$75-110. For more information and to register visit:

[www.seasonofcreationcamping.org](https://www.seasonofcreationcamping.org)

### Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 26 October

Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held on Sunday 26th of October at 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by afternoon tea. Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate. If you would like to attend, please register your name, numbers attending and any dietary requirements. Family and friends are welcome. RSVP to 0408 233 478 or [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) by 20 October.

### Privacy and Confidentiality

In your role here at LOL, you may have access to private and confidential information about our Parish, the Diocese, clergy, employees and parishioners. You are expected to keep this information entirely confidential. This is a legal requirement and also applies to the use of social media and email. Discussing information, you have received during your volunteer role with staff, family, friends or any other volunteers – inside or outside the Parish or Diocese – is not acceptable. From time to time, photos may be taken of you whilst volunteering. If you do not wish your photo to be used, please inform the person taking the photo or through the Parish Office. Permission from a child's parent/guardian must be sought before taking any photographs of children.

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## POPE LEO'S ANGELUS

*Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Sunday!*

The parable that we hear in today's Gospel (Lk 16:1-13) makes us reflect on our use of material goods and, how we administer the most precious good of all, our very life.

In the story we see a steward summoned by the rich man for "an accounting" of his management. Here we are presented with an image that conveys something important: we are not the masters of our lives or of the goods we enjoy; everything has been given to us as a gift by the Lord, who has entrusted this to our care, our freedom, and our responsibility. One day we will be called to give an account of how we have managed ourselves, our possessions and the earth's resources – before both God and humankind, before society, and especially before those who will come after us.

The steward in this parable had, up to this point, sought only his own profit. When the day comes for him to give an account and the position is taken away from him, he has to consider what to do to secure his future. In this difficult situation, he realizes that the accumulation of material goods is not the highest value, for the riches of this world are passing. Then he has a brilliant idea: he calls the debtors and "cuts" their debts, renouncing the portion that would have gone to him. In this way, he loses material wealth but gains friends who will be ready to help and support him. Taking his cue from the story, Jesus exhorts us: "Make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes" (v. 9).

Indeed, the steward in the parable, even while managing the dishonest wealth of this world, succeeds in finding a way to make friends, leaving behind the solitude of his own selfishness. How much more, then, must we, who are disciples living in the light of the Gospel, use the goods of this world and our very lives with a view to the true wealth, which is friendship with the Lord and with our brothers and sisters.

Dear friends, the parable invites us to ask ourselves: how are we managing the material goods, the resources of the earth and our very lives that God has entrusted to us? We can follow the way of selfishness, placing wealth above all else and thinking only of ourselves. But this isolates us from others and spreads the poison of competition, which often fuels conflict. Instead, we can recognize everything we have as a gift from God, to be managed and used as an instrument for sharing – to create networks of friendship and solidarity, to work for the common good, and to build a world that is more just, equitable and fraternal.

Let us pray to the Virgin Mary, that she may intercede for us and help us manage well, with justice and responsibility, what the Lord has entrusted to us.

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### After the Angelus

I warmly greet all of you present in Saint Peter's Square and those connected through the media. I address, first of all, the representatives of various Catholic associations engaged in works of solidarity with the people of the Gaza Strip. Dear friends, I appreciate your initiative and many others throughout the Church that express closeness to our brothers and sisters who are suffering in that tormented land. Together with you and the Pastors of the Churches in the Holy Land, I repeat: there is no future based on violence, forced exile, or revenge. The people need peace; those who truly love them work for peace.

I greet the pilgrims from the Diocese of Mindelo, Cape Verde, and those from the Diocese of Como; and also the groups from Angola, Poland – in particular from Bliżyn –, Ciudad Real in Spain, Porto in Portugal, and Mwanza in Tanzania.

I greet the priests of the Society of Jesus who are beginning a course of study in Rome; the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul; the faithful from Sora, Pescara, Macerata, San Giovanni in Marignano, Venice, Bassano del Grappa, Taranto, Santa Caterina Villarmosa, Somma Vesuviana, Ponzano Romano and various groups from the Diocese of Padua.

I am pleased to welcome the Choir of the Verona Bar Association; the Women's Choir of Malo in Vicenza; the Oasi Nazareth Foundation of Corato; and the H-Earth Mani e Cuore Association. I also offer a special remembrance for people suffering from Alzheimer's and ataxia.

Thank you all, and I wish everyone a blessed Sunday!

## POPE LEO XIV TO EXORCISTS: YOUR MINISTRY IS NECESSARY AND DELICATE *Vatican News*

Pope Leo XIV had a message of appreciation on Tuesday for exorcist priests gathered at the 15th International Association of Exorcists (AIE) held from 15 to 20 September at the "Fraterna Domus" Spirituality Centre in Sacrofano, near Rome. The meeting brought together around 300 priests and exorcist assistants from all continents.

### *Victory over Evil*

The Pope reminded them that the ministry of the exorcist is "delicate" yet "most necessary," encouraging priests "to live it both as a ministry of liberation and of consolation, accompanying the faithful truly possessed by the evil one with prayer and the invocation of Christ's effective presence, so that (...) the Lord may grant victory over Satan."

The conference included moments of listening and reflection, where the importance of the exorcism ministry was reaffirmed as "a concrete sign of the Church's love for brothers and sisters who suffer," as explained by AIE president, Father Karel Orlita, canon lawyer and exorcist of the diocese of Brno.

In his homily, during the celebration of Holy Mass in Sacrofano, Cardinal Arthur Roche, Prefect of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, focused on the significance of accompanying those who suffer because of the devil, noting that in their suffering, they participate in Christ's own suffering.

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## POPE LEO'S GENERAL AUDIENCE

**Cycle of Catechesis - Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. III. The Passover of Jesus. 8. The Descent. In the Spirit "he also went to preach to the spirits in prison" (1 Pt 3:19).**

*Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!*

Today, again, we will look at the mystery of Holy Saturday. It is the day of the Paschal Mystery in which everything seems immobile and silent, while in reality an invisible action of salvation is being fulfilled: Christ descends into the realm of the dead to bring the news of the Resurrection to all those who were in the darkness and in the shadow of death.

This event, which the liturgy and tradition have handed down to us, represents the most profound and radical gesture of God's love for humanity. Indeed, it is not enough to say or to believe that Jesus died for us: it is necessary to recognize that the fidelity of his love sought us out where we ourselves were lost, where only the power of a light capable of penetrating the realm of darkness can reach.

The underworld, in the biblical conception, is not so much a place as an existential condition: that condition in which life is depleted, and pain, solitude, guilt and separation from God and others reign. Christ reaches us even in this abyss, passing through the gates of this realm of darkness. He enters, so to speak, in the very house of death, to empty it, to free its inhabitants, taking them by the hand one by one. It is the humility of a God who does not stop in front of our sin, who is not afraid when faced with the human being's extreme rejection.

The apostle Peter, in the brief passage from his first Letter that we have just heard, tells us that Jesus, made alive in the Holy Spirit, went to take the news of salvation even "to the spirits in prison" (1Pt 3:19). It is one of the most moving images, which is expressed not in the canonical Gospels, but in an apocryphal text entitled the Gospel of Nicodemus. According to this tradition, the Son of God entered the deepest darkness to reach even the last of his brothers and sisters, to bring his light down there too. In this gesture there is all the strength and tenderness of the Paschal message: death is never the last word.

Dear friends, this descent of Christ does not relate only to the past, but touches the life of every one of us. The underworld is not only the condition of the dead, but also of those who live death as a result of evil and sin. It is also the daily hell of loneliness, shame, abandonment, and the struggle of life. Christ enters into all these dark realities to bear witness to the love of the Father. Not to judge, but to set free. Not to blame, but to save. He does so quietly, on tiptoe, like one who enters a hospital room to offer comfort and help.

The Fathers of the Church, in pages of extraordinary beauty, described this moment as a meeting: that between Christ and Adam. An encounter that is the symbol of all the possible encounters between God and man. The Lord descends where man has hidden out of fear, and calls him by name, takes him by the hand, raises him up, and brings him back to the light. He does so with full authority, but also with infinite gentleness, like a father with the son who fears that he is no longer loved.

In the eastern icons of the Resurrection, Christ is depicted breaking down the doors of the underworld, stretching out his arms and grasping Adam and Eve by the wrists. He does not save only himself; he does not return to life alone, but carries all of humanity with him. This is the true glory of the Risen One: it is the power of love, it is solidarity with a God who does not want to save himself without us, but only with us. A God who does not rise again unless he embraces our miseries and lifts us up to a new life.

Holy Saturday, then, is the day in which heaven visits earth most deeply. It is the time in which every corner of human history is touched by the light of Easter. And if Christ was able to descend all the way down there, nothing can be excluded from his redemption. Not even our nights, not even our oldest faults, not even our broken bonds. There is no past so ruined, no history so compromised that it cannot be touched by mercy.

Dear brothers and sisters, to descend, for God, is not a defeat, but the fulfilment of his love. It is not a failure, but the way by which he shows that no place is too far away, no heart is too closed, no tomb too tightly sealed for his love. This consoles us, this sustains us. And if at times we seem to have hit rock bottom, let us remember: that is the place from which God is able to begin a new creation. A creation made of people lifted up, hearts forgiven, tears dried. Holy Saturday is the silent embrace with which Christ presents all creation to the Father to restore it to his plan of salvation.

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear brothers and sisters, the month of October is now approaching, and in the Church it is dedicated in a special way to the Holy Rosary. Therefore, I invite everyone, every day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace: personally, in the family, in the community.

I also invite those who serve in the Vatican to say this prayer in Saint Peter's Basilica every day, at 19.00.

In particular, the evening of Saturday 11 October, at 18.00, we will pray it together here in Saint Peter's Square, during the vigil for the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality, also commemorating the anniversary of the opening of Vatican Council II.

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### Greeting:

I am happy to welcome this morning the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors, especially those from England, Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Denmark, South Africa, Uganda, Australia, New Zealand, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Qatar, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Canada, and the United States of America. With prayerful good wishes that the present Jubilee of Hope may be for you and your families a time of grace and spiritual renewal, I invoke upon you all the joy and the peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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### Summary of Catechesis:

Dear brothers and sisters, in our continuing catechesis on the Jubilee theme of "Jesus Christ our Hope," we continue to contemplate the mystery of Holy Saturday. It is the day within the Paschal Mystery when Jesus descends into the realm of the dead to bring the Good News of the Resurrection to all who dwell in darkness. When he makes this descent — which is by no means a defeat — he reveals his radical love for humanity and that death is not the final word. His love is a powerful light that penetrates the thickest darkness to reach our brothers and sisters who seem to be completely lost. This is not only an event of the past, but applies to each of us today. Christ enters our own struggles and touches our deepest sins with his mercy. May this remind us that if we allow Jesus to enter into our own dark places, he is able to create a new life in each of us and we become beacons of hope that radiate the message of salvation for all peoples.



## 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 2 weeks at a time.



### LOURDES OVER 50s GROUP

Over 50s meeting Thursday 9th October 2025, 10.30am– 1pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate to share.

### LOURDES: LUMINATE YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

For 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.

October 2025		
4	Altar Servers 'Day Out'	
5	Daylight Saving Time Starts	
9	Over 50's Group Meeting	10.30am
11/12	HSC Masses	6pm & 9.30am

## OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

### 27/28 September

Acolytes	Vigil: Darryl Green 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am: Fayelene Kennedy
Ministers	Vigil: T. Perak, J. Franco 8am: A. McNally, M. Santos 9.30am: A. Walker, G. Basili
Readers	Vigil: Yxaak & Yxavel Dino 8am: J. Irudayaraj, K. Walker 9.30am: M. Aquino, Z. Smith
Altar Servers	Vigil: Julian & Orlando Martinez, N. D'Cruz 8am: A. Faulkner-Dhiman & Volunteer 9.30am: J. Blackshaw, L. Sadipoor, A. Melki
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Couples for Christ
Musicians	Vigil: Nina's Group 8am: Christine Clarke 9.30am: Nina's Group
Flowers	Annette & Mary
Church Cleaning	11 October Tongan Community Edgardo Barcelon Edgar Cabrera Aman Rawah
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Edgardo Barcelon

### 4/5 October

Acolytes	Vigil: Daniel La Guidara 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am: Kilifi Huihui
Ministers	Vigil: Louise La Guidara, M. Mifsud 8am: L. Fernandes, F. Paiva 9.30am: C. Brooks, P. Gow
Readers	Vigil: A. Punch, M. Simic 8am: P. Ferriols, F. Kennedy 9.30am: R. Nigli, Kamela Huihui
Altar Servers	Vigil: A. La Guidara, C. La Guidara E. Reardon, 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: K. Cassaniti, E. Wright, M. Stormer
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Tongan Choir
Musicians	Vigil: Christine Clarke 8am: Fr. Henry 9.30am: Couples for Christ
Flowers	Fenty & Liz
Church Cleaning	16 October Cathy Hutchings Annette Peatman Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Ugre 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Volunteer

# The Kids' Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 28th, 2025



Luke 16:19-31

*In Jesus' parable, the rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus to him with a drop of cool water. But can Lazarus cross between Heaven and Hell? See if the maze will let him cross.*

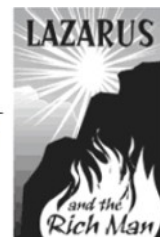
Choose the word that best matches the definition below.

- \_\_\_ 1. Having a lot of money or valuable possessions  
A. agony B. poor C. comfort D. rich
- \_\_\_ 2. An opening in a wall or fence for entrance or exit  
A. gate B. chimney C. hole D. window
- \_\_\_ 3. A poor person who lives by asking others for money or food  
A. banker B. baker C. prophet D. beggar
- \_\_\_ 4. Stopped living  
A. slept B. tired C. repented D. died
- \_\_\_ 5. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid essential for most plant and animal life  
A. lemonade B. tea C. coffee D. water
- \_\_\_ 6. Extreme physical or mental pain or suffering  
A. repent B. agony C. comfort D. ease
- \_\_\_ 7. To change your behavior because you are sorry for what you have done  
A. warn B. died C. repent D. agony
- \_\_\_ 8. To tell someone of possible danger or harm  
A. warn B. comfort C. repent D. harm
- \_\_\_ 9. To soothe someone in a time of pain or suffering  
A. warn B. harm C. comfort D. repent
- \_\_\_ 10. The fleshy part in the mouth that is used in tasting  
A. teeth B. tongue C. tonsils D. gums

## The Rich Man and Lazarus

"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.'" Luke 16:25 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 16:19-31 (NIV).



A G O N Y G O O D G M D U I A  
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AGONY	BEGGAR	DIED	BAD	ANGELS
DOGS	WATER	WARN	HELL	PITY
GOOD	TABLE	LICKED	PURPLE	DRESSED
LINEN	GATE	LAZARUS	RICH	TONGUE
BURIED	SORES	FINGER	REPENT	LUXURY

