

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5 October 2025 • Year C



Let us Pray for the Sick

Florence Arinanan, Lorenzo Balabat, Max Barrett, Luigi Bertinato, Lawrence Charles, James Debattista, Ben Dixon, Alma Caguimbal, Para Dias, Mary Camilleri, John Crowther, Lucia Fernando, Renuka Fernando, Philippe Honore, Anthony Janicska, Mary Jordan, Melissa Mead, Blago Milicevic, Zeferino Jayson Morales, Gary Morrissey, Lynnda Lim-Huynh, Michelle Pellicano, Debra Price, Camy Ratnam, 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
We can also arrange for Holy Communion or a visit if required.

Let us Pray for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Rosita Ballecer, Antonietta Bertinato, Marguerite Bru, Mary Bonnici, Rita De Silva, Cecila Fantin, Merita Fernando, Tracy Galea, Sanjivan Gnanaratnam, Maria Mendonca, Danny Abi Ngan, Tessie Portelli, Fay Russell, Rosemalar Sangarrappillai, Christopher Solomon, Sheadon Trek, Ralph Vaz

Anniversaries: Leisle Abreo, Mary Alagiah, France Angseesing, Horace Baptist, Joseph Bartok, Joseph Camenzuli, Teresa David, Silvia Debattista, Berlino Dulza, Emmanuel Francis, M.A Fernando, Merita Fernando, Helena Kokoszka, April Marabe, Pietro Marra, Denis Morrissey George Motha, Charles Muscat, Tony Muscat, Gloria Reforma, Benigno Riveral Sr, Lorita Laberinto Udan, Mary & Arthur Zammit.

Remembrance: Neil Amaratunga, Gregorio Almodovar, Sydney Azie, Peter & Antonio, Amelia & Germana Bertinato, Helen Bonnici, Frank & Maurice Camenzuli, Barrie Chamberlain, Renato & Marlyn Cabasa, Johnny Edwards, Sam & Silvia Debattista, Carmen, Jimmy, Antonia, Tania, Tony, Vicki, Louie, Joe & Luncer De Guire, Annabelle Edwards, O. Francis, J. Francis, Melvyn Fernandes, Nevis Fernando, Mario & Joe Gat, Maximilian & Julian Epondulan, Selvam Irudayaraj, Jonathan Tek Kie, Pauline Meilak, Mangion & Cini Family, William & Emilia Mifsud, Joseph & Doris Mifsud, Mary Mifsud, Sashin Patrick Manamperi, Anton & Lourda Motha, Mary & Francis Muscat, Jim & Philippa Muscat, Mile Perak, Lakshman Perera, John Portelli, Eustace Ratnam, John & Roseline Ratnam, Mary Silva, Dionisio Udan, Tony Vassollo, Shane Vaz, Jim Vella, Rita Xuerib, Vinnie Zahra, Robert & Leila Zammit, Mary Zammit.

****Names will be published for 2 weeks at a time.****

Funeral Notice

Mary Bonnici

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Wednesday 8th of October, 10.30am

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen



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Our Lady of Lourdes

Ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, you know my needs, my troubles, my sufferings; cast on me a look of pity. By appearing in the grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, from which you dispense your favours, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and physical. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain most loving mother, my requests, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.



Amen.

REGULAR COLLECTIONS - First and Second

FIRST COLLECTION is for the support of Priests throughout the Diocese.

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

Account name: Parramatta Diocesan Clergy
BSB: 067 950
ACC: 00 00 4265
Reference: Seven Hills - 6035

SECOND COLLECTION or Planned Giving Program

On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you very much for your ongoing support, which has been absolutely vital in keeping our Parish going strong. Projects completed include the Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting, Parish Office and Meeting Room Roof painted, Church roof cleaned and ceiling repaired and painted.

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.
BSB: 067 950
ACC: 000552
Reference: (Your **Planned Giving envelope number** or for a one off donation, 'DONATION')

IN-PERSON BANK DEPOSIT (at a Bank Inst / Branch)

Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church
BSB: 062 315
ACC ID # 00901486
AGENT # 660

SMART DEVICE TERMINALS

All donations made via these new machines are shared 50/50 with our Diocese

THE PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Statue of Virgin Mary is available for home visitation and will reside with you for a week, being Sunday to Saturday. If you are wishing to participate, please leave your name and address with the Parish Office or contact Maryse Angseesing on 0467 701 010.

FIRST READING *A reading from the prophet Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4*

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14*

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 17:5-10*

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink.

You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

The Gospel of the Lord.



From Fr. Henry

Dear friends,

As we know, black mustard bushes grew wild along the shores of the Sea of Galilee, not far from Capernaum, where Jesus lived during his public ministry. In ancient times, people used the mustard plant for oil, as a herb and as a condiment. It perhaps was a common ingredient in the foods eaten by Jesus, the disciples, and the wider community of that time. The mustard seed itself is extremely small, about 1 to 2 millimeters in diameter, roughly the size of a grain of sand. Apart from the popular mustard plants, there was another type of plant called the black mulberries also familiar amongst Jesus' followers, they have deep and extensive roots and can reach 2 to 3 meters. Due to their longevity, they became the symbol of deep-seeded sin, unforgiveness, and stubborn resistance to grace.

The two specific species of trees mentioned above would have been familiar to the crowds who followed Jesus, and he singled them out in this Sunday's Gospel reading in response to the Apostles' request to increase their faith. In his reply, Jesus used the image of a tiny mustard seed and the deeply rooted, tall mulberry tree to illustrate the incredible impact and transformative power of faith. 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you', literally said Jesus.

From the transformative power of faith, Jesus then talked about his discipleship through a parable about a servant who, after fulfilling all his duties, is expected to continue his service without any recognition from his master, and the reason is that he just simply carried out his duties, no more no less. Like the servant in the story, Jesus' disciples are called and chosen to take part in the mission to proclaim his Good News throughout the world with no expectation of any this or that reward, since their call to serve him in itself truly is a great gift and honour and nothing in the world can surpass that. Though Jesus made no direct link between the first and second part of the story today, he seemed to let the Apostles know that the increase of faith they asked from him actually depended on them, and that they need to keep on doing what they are called to perform as his servants, meaning they have to love God and others wholeheartedly as they are commanded to do. This is exactly the point St James aims to address to his community with the warning that a faith without deed is totally dead (Cf. Jas 2.17).

Let us give praise and thanks to God for the gift of our faith in Jesus and pray for the grace to help us grow better and stronger in our faith by means of the way we show our love for God and others both at home and in the community.

Have a faith-filled week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

All members of the Parish Pastoral Council are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday 8th of October, 2025 at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting room.

HSC MASS

We would like to welcome all students in our community preparing for their HSC exams this year to a Thanksgiving Mass at 6pm Saturday 11 October. Please help share this invitation with our Year 12 students, and remember them in your prayers and pray that they receive the results they have worked so hard for.

FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT (FGM) AT OLOL

The "Joyful Journey" group is embarking on an exciting trip to Mudjee over this October long weekend (4th-6th). Thus far, 6 families (total of 24pax) have confirmed, and cabins booked. The "Divine Rainbow" group will undertake a day trip to Circular Quay and Cockatoo Island on Monday 20th October. Both groups are eagerly looking forward to their respective events.. Please contact the Parish office if you would like to join the Family Group.

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.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2026

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

A PRACTICAL TIP EACH WEEK TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION

TIP 4: **Save electricity at home**

Be careful in your consumption habits but also be aware of your energy options. Does it make sense for you to place solar panels on your roof? Investigate your options locally.

LOURDES OVER 50s GROUP MEETING

Over 50's meeting this Thursday 9th October, 10.30am till 1pm in the Parish Hall and during this time. We look forward to seeing you there. Please bring a plate to share.

ROSARY PRAYERS

All are warmly invited to join us for Rosary prayers in the church every Tuesday and Wednesday morning after the 8am Mass and every Thursday morning at 8.30am before the 9am Mass.

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.

PARISHES UNITED WITH REFUGEES

You might recall that some months ago, members of our parish joined with neighbouring parishes to welcome a family from Syria as part of our mission of hospitality. Thanks to parishioners' generosity, the Safour family is settling in well, but, as you may have experienced yourself, becoming part of a new country takes time. As we celebrate the Jubilee of Immigrants this weekend, part of the 2025 Jubilee of Hope, we ask for your prayers that the family continues to move forward in hope.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Positions Vacant

- Senior Employment Relations Advisor
Diocese of Parramatta
- Principal Risk Lead
Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

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.



Catholic Care Pregnancy and Infant Loss Day commemoration: 16 October

To commemorate Pregnancy & Infant Loss Memorial Day, Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains and White Lady Funerals are holding a memorial service on Thursday 16 October from 10am at Mamre House, Orchard Hills. There will be an opportunity to place a plant in memory of your loved one in the Garden of Remembrance. Please RSVP to Lisa at Catholic Care on 0439 917 129 or Christy at White Lady Funerals (02) 4731 4385.

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 by 20 October.

LOL SAFEGUARDING NEWS

What is Safeguarding?

Measures to protect the safety, human rights and well-being of individuals, which allow people – in this context children and most vulnerable – to live free from abuse, harm and neglect.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next sessions of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on the following days:

- Saturday 18 October for Initial training (Modules 1-3) 10am to 3pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys
- Saturday 25 October for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 10am to 3pm at Corpus Christi Parish, Cranebrook

Please register directly for this training or for 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

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@poarracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.



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

Date: Thursday 30 October 2025

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



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

Winston Hills Parish World Rosary Hour and Our Lady of Fatima Procession: 13 October

St Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills, will be taking part in World Rosary Hour on Monday 13 October at 7pm AEDT. The date marks the anniversary of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fátima to the three children. Join us to pray the rosary, followed by a candlelit procession with the statue of Our Lady around the church grounds. Visit <https://www.worldrosaryhour.com/> for more information and also to view as a livestream for those unable to attend.

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.

Insurance

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

POPE LEO'S ANGELUS

Dear brothers and sisters,

I send warm greetings to all who have participated in this Jubilee celebration dedicated to catechists, especially those who have been instituted today for this ministry. Together with you, I extend my good wishes for a fruitful service to all catechists in the Church throughout the world! Thank you for your service to the Church. Let us pray for them, especially for those who work in difficult conditions. God bless you all!

I greet the pilgrims from the Diocese of Vicenza with their Bishop and the other groups of faithful from various countries.

In recent days, a very powerful typhoon has struck several Asian territories, in particular the Philippines, the island of Taiwan, the city of Hong Kong, the Guangdong region and Vietnam. I assure the affected populations, especially the poorest, of my closeness and of my prayers for the victims, the missing, the many displaced families, the countless people who have suffered hardship, as well as the rescue workers and civil authorities. I invite everyone to put their trust in God and to show solidarity with others. May the Lord give strength and courage to overcome every adversity.

I am pleased to announce that on November 1, during the Jubilee of the World of Education, I will confer the title of Doctor of the Church on Saint John Henry Newman, who contributed decisively to the renewal of theology and to the understanding of the development of Christian doctrine.

Let us now entrust ourselves to the intercession of the Virgin Mary. May she, who was the mother and first disciple of Jesus, sustain the Church's commitment to proclaim the faith today.

POPE LEO XIV RECENT CONVERSATION WITH JOURNALISTS *By Gabriella Ceraso*

The Gaza peace plan, the flotilla approaching the coast, concerns over U.S. nuclear rhetoric, the Vatican trial on the management of Holy See funds, and a brief comment in English on controversies surrounding Cardinal Cupich were among the topics addressed by Pope Leo XIV at Castel Gandolfo in a conversation with journalists before returning to the Vatican.

The Pope answered reporters waiting outside Villa Barberini, as has been the custom for nearly a month every Tuesday evening. "We hope they accept it; so far it seems a realistic proposal," Pope Leo XIV said regarding the 20-point peace plan presented to the White House for Gaza by U.S. President Trump, with the approval of Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu. He stressed the importance of a ceasefire and the release of hostages, adding, "There are very interesting elements," and reiterating, "We hope Hamas accepts within the established timeframe."

Respect for people

On the flotilla approaching Gaza to deliver humanitarian aid, amid ongoing tensions, the Pope highlighted the difficulty of the situation, noting that "there is a desire to respond to a real humanitarian emergency."

He expressed hope that "there is no violence and that people are respected."

Working for peace

Regarding the meeting convened by U.S. Secretary of Defence Pete Hegseth with military leaders prepared for war, including the use of nuclear weapons, the Pope commented, "This way of speaking is worrying," as it reflects increasing tensions. On President Trump's decision to rename the department from "Defence" to "War," the Holy Father said, "We hope it is just rhetoric." He noted that it demonstrates a style of government "that uses force to exert pressure," and added, "We hope it works, but that there is no war; we must work for peace."

No Interference in Vatican trial

Asked about the ongoing trial in the Vatican concerning the management of Holy See funds, the Pope did not comment on the specifics, stating that it "must proceed" and that he "does not intend to interfere," leaving it to the judges and defence lawyers to reach a conclusion.

Look to Church Teaching

In English, the Pope was asked for his opinion on the awarding of a prize to Democratic Senator Dick Durbin, who supports legalised abortion, by Cardinal Blase Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago. "I'm not very familiar with the particular case," Pope Leo XIV said. "I think it is very important to look at the overall work a senator has done during, if I am not mistaken, 40 years of service in the United States Senate."

The Pope acknowledged the difficulties and tensions but emphasised that "it is important to consider many issues related to the teaching of the Church." He underlined that saying "I am against abortion" while supporting the death penalty is not truly pro-life, nor is agreeing with the inhumane treatment of immigrants in the United States.

"These are very complex issues. I do not know if anyone has the full truth on them, but I would first of all ask that there be greater mutual respect, and that together — as human beings, in that case as American citizens or citizens of Illinois, as well as Catholics — we say: 'We need to look closely at all these ethical issues and find the way forward as a Church.' Church teaching on each of these issues is very clear."

Return to the Vatican

Pope Leo XIV left Castel Gandolfo by car around 8:30 p.m., where he had arrived the previous evening, Monday, September 29. He will return tomorrow afternoon after the General Audience to meet over 400 religious leaders at the Mariapoli Centre of the Focolare Movement for the international event "Raising Hope for Climate Justice." On the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'*, the Pontiff will preside over the "Celebration of Hope," attended by climate experts, civil society representatives, and institutional delegates from around the world.

POPE LEO'S GENERAL AUDIENCE

Cycle of Catechesis - Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. III. The Passover of Jesus. 9. The Resurrection.

"Peace be with you!" (Jn 20:21)

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

The centre of our faith and the heart of our hope are firmly rooted in the resurrection of Christ. When we read the Gospels carefully, we realize that this mystery is surprising not only because a man – the Son of God – rose from the dead, but also because of the way he decided to do so. Indeed, Jesus' resurrection is not a bombastic triumph, nor is it revenge or retaliation against his enemies. It is a wonderful testimony to how love is capable of rising again after a great defeat in order to continue its unstoppable journey.

When we get up again after a trauma caused by others, often the first reaction is anger, the desire to make someone pay for what we have suffered. The Risen One does not react in this way. When he emerges from the underworld of death, Jesus does not take revenge. He does not return with gestures of power, but rather with meekness he manifests the joy of a love greater than any wound and stronger than any betrayal.

The Risen One does not feel any need to reiterate or affirm his own superiority. He appears to his friends – the disciples – and he does so with extreme discretion, without forcing the pace of their capacity for acceptance. His only desire is to return to communion with them, helping them to overcome the sense of guilt. We see this very well in the Upper Room, where the Lord appears to his friends who are enclosed in fear. It is a moment that expresses extraordinary power:

Jesus, after descending into the abysses of death to liberate those who were imprisoned there, enters the closed room of those who are paralyzed by fear, bringing them a gift that no-one would have dared to hope for: peace.

His greeting is simple, almost ordinary: *"Peace be with you!" (Jn 20:19)*. But it is accompanied by a gesture so beautiful that it is almost disconcerting: Jesus shows the disciples his hands and his side, with the marks of the passion. Why show his wounds to those who, in those dramatic hours, had denied and abandoned him? Why not hide those signs of pain and avoid reopening the wound of shame?

Yet, the Gospel says that, seeing the Lord, the disciples rejoiced (cf. *Jn 20:20*). The reason is profound: Jesus is now fully reconciled with everything he has suffered. There is not a shadow of resentment. The wounds serve not to reproach, but to confirm a love stronger than any infidelity. They are the proof that, even in the moment of our failure, God did not retreat. He did not give up on us.

In this way, the Lord shows himself to be naked and defenceless. He does not demand, he does not hold us to ransom. His is a love that does not humiliate; it is the peace of one who has suffered for love and can now finally affirm that it was worthwhile.

Instead, we often mask our wounds out of pride, or for fear of appearing weak. We say, "it doesn't matter", "it is all in the past", but we are not truly at peace with the betrayals that have wounded us. At times we prefer to hide our effort to forgive so as not to appear vulnerable and to risk suffering again. Jesus does not. He offers his wounds as a guarantee of forgiveness. And he shows that the Resurrection is not the erasure of the past, but its transfiguration into a hope of mercy.

Then, the Lord repeats: *"Peace be with you!"*. And he adds, *"As the Father has sent me, even so I send you"* (v. 21). With these words, he entrusts the apostles with a task that is not so much a power as a responsibility: to be instruments of reconciliation in the world. As if he said: *"Who will be able to proclaim the merciful face of the Father, if not you, who have experienced failure and forgiveness?"*.

Jesus breathes on them and gives them the Holy Spirit (v. 22). It is the same Spirit who sustained him in obedience to the Father and in love even to the cross. From that moment, the apostles will no longer be able to remain silent about what they have seen and heard: that God forgives, lifts up, and restores trust.

This is the heart of the mission of the Church: not to administer power over others, but to communicate the joy of those who are loved precisely when they did not deserve it. It is the strength that gave rise to the Christian communities and made them grow: men and women who discovered the beauty of returning to life to be able to give it to others.

Dear brothers and sisters, we too are sent. The Lord shows us his wounds and says: *Peace be with you*. Do not be afraid to show your wounds healed by mercy. Do not be afraid to draw close to those who are trapped in fear or guilt. May the breath of the Spirit make us, too, witnesses of this peace and this love that is stronger than any defeat.

Special greetings:

I greet the English speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's audience, in particular the groups from England, Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway, Australia, New Zealand, Cambodia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Lebanon, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan, Tanzania, Vietnam, Canada and the United States of America. My special greeting goes to the Seminarians from the Pontifical Irish College, who are beginning their studies, and to the diaconate class of the Pontifical North American College, together with their families and friends. As we begin the month dedicated to the holy Rosary, I invite you to pray it daily for peace in our world. May the peace of the risen Christ be with you all! God bless you.

Summary of the Holy Father's words:

Dear brothers and sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Jesus our hope, we are meditating today on Jesus' resurrection, the very source of our faith and hope. With great meekness, Jesus appears to the disciples to restore communion and manifest his love, which surpasses betrayal, wounds and even death. As a sign of this love, Jesus gives the Apostles two gifts: his peace and the Holy Spirit. *"Peace be with you"* he says as he shows them his wounds. This is done not to shame those who abandoned him, but to assure them of his forgiveness and love, and to teach them that his death on the cross has been transformed into a sign of hope. In the giving of the Holy Spirit, Jesus entrusts the Apostles with the task of being his instruments in the world. This lesson is important for each of us: God forgives us, he raises us up, and sends us out anew. May we too be joyful witnesses of the resurrection by bringing the peace, hope and love of Christ to a broken world.

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 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 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.

October 2025		
8	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
9	Over 50's Group Meeting	10.30am
11	HSC Mass	6pm & 9.30am
15	School Term 4 resumes	

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

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	11 October Tongan Community Edgardo Barcelon Edgar Cabrera Aman Rawah
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Ugre 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Volunteer

11/12 October

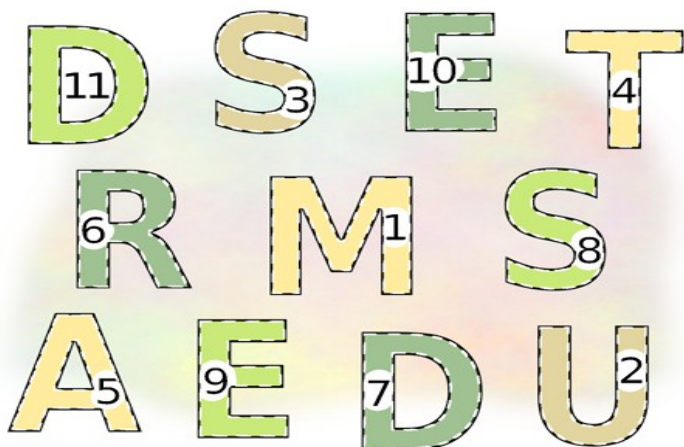
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am: Rommel Lagare
Ministers	Vigil: D.Green, F.Paiva 8am: J.Irudayaraj, J.Sarmiento 9.30am: G.Basili, B.Motha
Readers	Vigil: N.Do Rosario, N.Sumcad 8am: T.Perak, J.Mai 9.30am: E.Vinoth Pieris, A.Pushparajan
Altar Servers	Vigil: B.Spadero, J.Spadero, H.Winter 8am: K.Maruthanayagam 9.30am: J.Pieris, M.Pieris, J.Steele
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults Group
Musicians	Vigil: Christine Woodward 8am: Fr. Henry 9.30am: Tongan Choir
Flowers	Claudette, Angela, Raquel
Church Cleaning	16 October Cathy Hutchings Annette Peatman Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: Anne McNally 9.30am: Sastina Pieris

The Kids' Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 5th, 2025

What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading when the apostles asked Him to give them more faith?

Sort out the letters by number and put them in the spaces below.



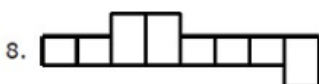
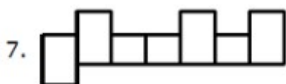
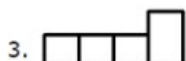
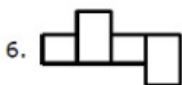
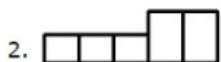
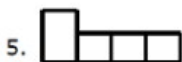
"If you have faith the size of a

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you would say to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'
and it would obey you. Luke 17:5-10



Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters below.



A Mustard Seed Faith

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." Luke 17:6 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 17:5-10 (NIV).



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DRINK
FAITH
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SEA
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PLANTED
MUSTARD
MULBERRY

APOSTLES
SMALL
PREPARE
SUPPER



Faith
Seed

seed	obey	planted	mustard
tree	small	mulberry	faith