



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

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Let us Pray for the Sick

Florence Arinanan, Lorenzo Balabat, Max Barrett, Luigi Bertinato, Irene Cabasa, Lawrence Charles, James Debattista, Ben Dixon, Alma Caguimbal, Para Dias, Mary Camilleri, John Crowther, Annabelle Edwards, 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: Rev. Sr. Joyce Marie, Rosita Ballecer, Marguerite Bru, Antonietta Bertinato, Mary Bonnici, June Ciantar, Rita De Silva, Cecila Fantin, Merita Fernando, Tracy Galea, Joseph Grech, Sanjivan Gnanaratnam, Maria Mendonca, George Newman, 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, Denis Brophy, Joseph Camenzuli, Teresa David, Silvia Debattista, Berlino Dulza, Emmanuel Francis, M.A Fernando, Merita Fernando, Helena Kokoszka, April Marabe, Pietro Marra, Pauline Meilak, Denis Morrissey, Adele Moroney, George Motha, Charles Muscat, Tony Muscat, Gloria Reforma, Benigno Rival 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, Lena Falzon, O. Francis, J. Francis, Melvyn Fernandes, Nevis Fernando, Mario & Joe Gat, Maximilian & Julian Epondulan, Selvam Irudayaraj, Jonathan Tek Kie, Mangion & Cini Family, William & Emilia Mifsud, Joseph & Doris Mifsud, Mary Mifsud, Sashin Patrick Manamperi, Louis, Stephen & Joseph Mula, Anton & Lourda Motha, Mary & Francis Muscat, Jason Muscat & family, 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.

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.

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



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FIRST READING *A reading from the second book of the Kings 5:14-17*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused.

Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**

3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 2:8-13*

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 17:11-19*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed.

Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



From Fr. Henry

Dear friends,

In Jesus' time, people believed leprosy or Hansen's disease was incurable and contagious, so they forced lepers to live in colonies outside the city walls and had to yell out 'unclean, unclean' whenever they saw someone healthy approach. A rite of purification was also required if they were declared as completely healed from the disease (cf. Lev 14,1-32).

According to Global Leprosy Statistics published in 2024, there have been 174,087 people receiving multidrug MDT treatment, and 6% amongst them are children under 15. Though we are fortunate to consider leprosy as extremely rare in Australia, leprosy carriers can still be found particularly amongst migrants and travellers from endemic regions with fewer than 10 cases per year.

Having this disease alone was bad and it was even worst to be a Samaritan leper, since there was an ongoing hostility between the Jewish people who lived in the Northern part of Israel with its capital in Samaria and those who lived in the Southern part with Jerusalem as the capital after the Assyrian conquest of the North in 722 BC. The new comers then intermarried with the existing Israelites to form a mixed population known as Samaritans who developed their own version of the Pentateuch and worshipped at Mount Gerizim instead of Jerusalem, consequently they were considered by the orthodox southerners as heretics.

In the Gospel today, Luke recounts the miracle in which Jesus encountered ten lepers including one Samaritan who called out to him to have pity on them, and in response, he asked them to present before the priests and while on their way to see the priests as instructed, they found themselves thoroughly healed from leprosy, but only the Samaritan, considered as a heretic and despised by Jewish people in the South showed the gratitude to come back and say thank you to Jesus throwing himself at his feet and praising God loudly.

Though Jesus had no harsh words against those who failed to return, his comments appear to say a lot about what he thought of their absence. 'The other nine, where are they?' asked Jesus and then continued to go on, 'It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' Finally he said to the Samaritan, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.' With just a few words, Jesus seems to reverse all the traditional misconception of Samaritan people by telling the disciples that the Samaritan has faith, and those who claimed to have faith turned out to be faithless, since they failed to acknowledge the goodness God has given to them.

In short, there are a few messages Jesus seems to convey to us through this Gospel account this week: number one, he has the supernatural power to bring healing to people, even to those with incurable disease like the ten lepers; number two, we have to respect all good people no matter from which faith traditions; and number three, we must remember to give praise and thanks to God for his goodness, otherwise we will be like the nine who failed to return to see Jesus again after their wondrous healing experience.

Have a gratitude-filled week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

HSC MASS

We warmly welcome all year 12 students and their families attending the HSC Mass and pray that our HSC students shall be filled with wisdom, knowledge and confidence to go through their coming exams and obtain good results according to their hard works. Please continue to keep them in prayer in the coming weeks.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS 5PM

Next Sunday the 19th of October, we have our additional mass at 5.00pm. It is an opportunity for our parishioners, especially the young ones to attend Mass on Sunday.

THE GROTTA: OLOL JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

We invite children aged 9-14yrs old to join us for our junior youth group meeting on next Sunday 19 October, in the Parish Meeting Room, 3.30pm till 6pm which includes the 5pm mass. The Grotto for October will be about Parables of Jesus. Food Provided. Further information or to register please contact our Youth Coordinator, Diana Park via email at dianap@olol7hills.com.au or search 'OLOL Youth Ministry' on Facebook.

LOURDES PLAYGROUP TERM 4

Playgroup will resume next Friday 17th October. Children aged 0 to 5yrs old and their carers are warmly invited to come and join our playgroup on a Friday during the school term from 9.00am till 11.00am in the Parish Meeting Room. To attend, please register by 3pm on the Thursday prior via Facebook under 'Our Lady of Lourdes Play Group' or contact Maria on 0432 174 056.

A PRACTICAL TIP EACH WEEK TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION

TIP 5: **Save paper**

Take care of the forests by recycling as much paper as possible and print only what is necessary.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Members of our Parish Pastoral Council had the chance to read and discuss our Parish Pastoral Plan 2025-2030 based on the Diocesan Pastoral Plan and Parish consultation last year, and decided to go head immediately with these following recommendations:

- 1/ Send Christmas cards to families that went through baptism and funerals this year,
- 2/ Provide name tags for all ministers while serving at Weekend Masses,
- 3/ Encourage parents and children to form Welcoming teams at Weekend Masses,
- 4/ Recruit an IT ministry,
- 5/ Continue to encourage our parishioners to consider to join our Parish ministries,
- 6/ Provide an annual refreshing course for our Parish ministers and a separate one for our Altar servers.

PARISH PASTORAL PLAN 2026-2030

Copies of our Parish Pastoral Plan 2026-2030 are now on display from this weekend, and all are invited to have a look after Mass.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2026

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

DIOCESAN NEWS

Positions Vacant

• Senior Employment Relations Advisor

Diocese of Parramatta

• Principal Risk Lead

Diocese of Parramatta

• Administration and Projects Coordinator

Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

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.

Australian Catholic Historical Society "Fragments of a Forbidden Faith: The Forgotten Fathers of the Council of Nicaea – 1700 years later": 19 October

The next event for the Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the crypt of St Patrick's, Church Hill at 2PM on Sunday 19 October. The Topic Fragments of a Forbidden Faith: The Forgotten Fathers of the Council of Nicaea 1700 years later. Presenter Dr Bernard Doherty, CSU theologian. Members, their guests, and visitors are most welcome and there is no charge. Details of the programme of the ACHS as well as resources on the church history and YouTube videos are on the website below:

<https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>

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

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.



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

Discover Palms International Volunteering [online](https://palms.org.au) 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](https://palms.org.au) 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/MC/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

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.

Responsibility

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

LOL Vulnerable People's Participation

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

Supporting the Safety of Our Community

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.

POPE LEO'S ANGELUS

Dear brothers and sisters,

Before praying the *Angelus* together, I'd like to greet and thank all of you who have taken part in this Jubilee celebration dedicated to missionaries and migrants. You are good missionaries because you came even in the rain! Thank you. The Church is entirely missionary and is one great people journeying towards the Kingdom of God. Today, our missionary and migrant brothers and sisters remind us of this. No one should be forced to flee, nor exploited or mistreated because of their situation as foreigners or people in need! Human dignity must always come first. I greet all the pilgrims present, especially those from the Diocese of Pavia, led by their Bishop, as well as the faithful, including some young people from Bethlehem, who are carrying the statue of Our Lady of Revelation.

On the evening of Tuesday, 30 September, a strong earthquake struck the central region of the Philippines, particularly the province of Cebu and its neighboring provinces. I express my closeness to the dear Filipino people, and in particular I pray for those who are most severely affected by the consequences of the earthquake. Faced with any danger, let us remain united and supportive in our trust in God and in the intercession of our Blessed Mother. I express my concern about the rise of antisemitic hatred in the world, as unfortunately we saw with the terrorist attack in Manchester a few days ago. I continue to be saddened by the immense suffering of the Palestinian people in Gaza. In recent hours, in the dramatic situation in the Middle East, some significant steps forward have been taken in peace negotiations, which I hope will achieve the desired results as soon as possible. I ask those in positions of responsibility to commit themselves to this path, to bring about a ceasefire and to release the hostages. At the same time, I urge everyone to remain united in prayer, so that the ongoing efforts may put an end to the war and lead us towards a just and lasting peace. Let us join ourselves spiritually with those gathered at the Shrine in Pompeii for the Supplication to the Virgin of the Holy Rosary. In this month of October, as we contemplate with Mary the mysteries of Christ our Savior, let us deepen our prayer for peace: a prayer that becomes concrete solidarity with those people tormented by war. Thank you to the many children around the world who have committed themselves to praying the Rosary for this intention. You have our heartfelt thanks!

POPE LEO'S GENERAL AUDIENCE

Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. 10. *Rekindling*. “*Were not our hearts burning within us?*” (Lk 24:32)

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today I would like to invite you to reflect on a surprising aspect of Christ's Resurrection: his humility. If we think back to Gospel accounts, we realize that the risen Lord does nothing spectacular to impose himself on the faith of his disciples. He does not appear surrounded by hosts of angels, he does not perform spectacular feats, he does not deliver solemn speeches to reveal the secrets of the universe. On the contrary, he approaches discreetly, like any other wayfarer, like a hungry man asking to share some bread (cf. Lk 24:15, 41).

Mary Magdalene mistakes him for a gardener (cf. Jn 20:15). The disciples of Emmaus believe him to be a stranger (cf. Lk 24:18). Peter and the other fishermen think he is just a passer-by (cf. Jn 21:4). We would have expected special effects, signs of power, overwhelming evidence. But the Lord does not seek this: he prefers the language of proximity, of normality, of sharing a meal.

Brothers and sisters, there's a valuable message in: the Resurrection is not a theatrical coup; it is a silent transformation that fills every human gesture with meaning. The risen Jesus eats a piece of fish in front of his disciples: this is not a marginal detail, it is confirmation that our body, our history, our relationships are not a shell to be thrown away. They are destined for the fullness of life. Resurrection does not mean becoming evanescent spirits, but entering into a deeper communion with God and with our brothers and sisters, in a humanity transfigured by love.

In the Pasch of Christ, everything can become grace. Even the most ordinary things: eating, working, waiting, taking care of the house, supporting a friend. The Resurrection does not remove life from time and effort, but changes its meaning and “flavour”. Every gesture performed in gratitude and communion anticipates the Kingdom of God.

However, there is an obstacle that often prevents us from recognizing Christ's presence in our daily lives: the assumption that joy must be free from suffering. The disciples of Emmaus walk sadly because they hoped for a different ending, for a Messiah who did not know the cross. Although they have heard that the tomb is empty, they cannot smile. But Jesus walks alongside them and patiently helps them understand that pain is not the denial of the promise, but the way through which God has manifested the measure of his love (cf. Lk 24:13-27).

When they are finally seated at the table with him and break bread, their eyes are opened. They realize that their hearts were already burning, even though they did not know it (cf. Lk 24:28-32). This is the greatest surprise: to discover that beneath the ashes of disenchantment and weariness there is always a living ember, waiting only to be rekindled.

Brothers and sisters, Christ's resurrection teaches us that no history is so marked by disappointment or sin that it cannot be visited by hope. No fall is definitive, no night is eternal, no wound is destined to remain open forever. However distant, lost or unworthy we may feel, there is no distance that can extinguish the unfailing power of God's love.

Sometimes we think that the Lord comes to visit us only in moments of contemplation or spiritual fervour, when we feel worthy, when our lives appear orderly and bright. Instead, the Risen One is close to us precisely in the darkest places: in our failures, in our frayed relationships, in the daily struggles that weigh on our shoulders, the doubts that discourage us. Nothing that we are, no fragment of our existence, is foreign to him.

Today, the risen Lord walks alongside each of us, as we travel our paths those of work and commitment, but also those of suffering and loneliness – and with infinite delicacy asks us to let him warm our hearts. He does not impose himself loudly; he does not demand to be recognized immediately. He waits patiently for the moment when our eyes will open to see his friendly face, capable of transforming disappointment into hopeful expectation, sadness into gratitude, resignation into hope. The Risen One desires only to manifest his presence, to become our companion on the road and to kindle in us the certainty that his life is stronger than any death. Let us then ask for the grace to recognize his humble and discreet presence, not to expect a life without trials, to discover that every pain, if inhabited by love, can become a place of communion.

And so, like the disciples of Emmaus, we too return to our homes with hearts burning with joy. A simple joy that does not erase wounds, but illuminates them. A joy that comes from the certainty that the Lord is alive, walks with us, and gives us the possibility to start again at every moment.

POPE LEO XIV MESSAGE TO YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE 40TH WORLD YOUTH DAY

Dear young people,

As I begin my first message to you, I would like to say thank you! Thank you for the joy you brought when you came to Rome for your Jubilee, and thank you to all the young people who were united to us through their prayer from every part of the world. It was a precious moment for renewing our enthusiasm for the faith and sharing the hope that burns in our hearts! Rather than being an isolated event, I hope the Jubilee encounter marks for each of you a step forward in Christian life and a strong encouragement to persevere in witnessing to your faith.

That same dynamic is at the heart of the next World Youth Day, which we will celebrate on 23 November, Solemnity of Christ the King, with the theme: “You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me” (Jn 15:27). As pilgrims of hope, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we prepare ourselves to become courageous witnesses of Christ. Let us begin a journey that will lead us to the international World Youth Day in Seoul in 2027. With this in mind, I would like to focus on two aspects of witness: our friendship with Jesus, which we receive from God as a gift, and our commitment to be builders of peace in society.

Friends, therefore witnesses

Christian witness arises from friendship with the Lord, who was crucified and rose for the salvation of all. This witness is not to be confused with ideological propaganda, it’s an authentic principle of interior transformation and social awareness. Jesus chose to call his disciples “friends.” He made known to them the Kingdom of God, asked them to remain with him, to become his community, and sent them to proclaim the Gospel (cf. Jn 15:15, 27). So when Jesus tells us, “Be witnesses,” he is assuring us that he considers us as his friends. He alone fully knows who we are and why we are here; young people, he knows your heart, your indignation in the face of discrimination and injustice, your desire for truth and beauty, for joy and peace. Through his friendship, he listens to you, motivates you, and guides you, calling each of you to a new life.

The gaze of Jesus, who always wants nothing but our good, precedes us (cf. Mk 10:21). He does not want us to be servants, nor “activists” of a political party; he calls us to be with him as friends, so that our lives may be renewed. And witness arises spontaneously from the joyful newness of this friendship. It is a unique friendship that grants us communion with God, a faithful friendship that helps us discover our dignity and that of others, an eternal friendship that not even death can destroy, because the risen and crucified Lord is its source.

Let us consider the message the Apostle John gives us at the end of the fourth Gospel: “This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true” (Jn 21:24). The entire preceding account is summarized as a “testimony,” full of gratitude and wonder, from a disciple who never reveals his name, but calls himself “the disciple whom Jesus loved.” This title reflects a relationship: it is not the name of an individual, but the testimony of a personal bond with Christ. That is what really matters to John: being a disciple of the Lord and feeling loved by him. We understand, that Christian witness is the fruit of a relationship of faith and love with Jesus, in whom we find the salvation of our lives. What the Apostle John writes also refers to you, dear young people. You are invited by Christ to follow him and sit beside him, to listen to his heart and share closely in his life! Each one of you is a “beloved disciple” for him, and from this love comes the joy of witness.

Another courageous witness to the Gospel is the Precursor of Jesus, John the Baptist, who came “to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him” (Jn 1:7). Although he enjoyed great fame among the people, he knew well that he was only a “voice” pointing to the Savior when he exclaimed, “Behold, the Lamb of God” (Jn 1:36). His example reminds us that true witnesses do not seek to occupy the center stage, nor to bind their followers to themselves. True witnesses are humble and inwardly free, above all from themselves, that is, from the pretense of being the center of attention. Therefore, they are free to listen, to understand, and also to speak the truth to everyone, even in the presence of those who are powerful. From John the Baptist, we learn that Christian witness is neither a proclamation of ourselves nor a celebration of our spiritual, intellectual or moral abilities. True witness is recognizing and pointing to Jesus when he appears, as he is the only one who saves us. John recognized him among sinners, immersed in common humanity. To that end, Pope Francis insisted so often that if we do not go beyond ourselves and our comfort zones, if we do not go to the poor and those who feel excluded from the Kingdom of God, we cannot encounter Christ and bear witness to him. We lose the sweet joy of being evangelized and of evangelizing.

Dear friends, I invite each of you to continue to individuate Jesus’ friends and witnesses in the Bible. As you read the Gospel, you will find that they all discovered the true meaning of life through their living relationship with Christ. Indeed, our deepest questions are not heard or answered by endlessly scrolling on our cell phones, which captures our attention but leaves us with tired minds and empty hearts. This search will not take us far if we keep it closed within ourselves or in narrow confinements. The fulfilment of our authentic desires always comes through going beyond ourselves. *(To be continued).*

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		
15	School Term 4 resumes	
17	Playgroup resumes	9.00am
19	Catholic Mission Appeal	9.30am
19	The Grotto: OLOL Junior Youth Group Meeting	3.30pm

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

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.Mohta
Readers	Vigil: N.Do Rosario, N.Sumcad 8am: T.Perak, J.Mai 9.30am: E.Vinoth Pieris, M.Aquino
Altar Servers	Vigil: B.Spadaro, J.Spadaro, 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

18/19 October

Acolytes	Vigil: SUB RQD 8am: Jerome Irudayaraj 9.30am: Ryan Epondulan
Ministers	Vigil: M.Simic, A.Franco 8am: F.Kennedy, M.Santos 9.30am: Kilifi Huihui, Kamela Huihui
Readers	Vigil: R.Saldanha, Y.Dino 8am: K.Walker, P.Ferriols 9.30am: A.Hye Rie Han, C.Diaz
Altar Servers	Vigil: J.Hoang, M.Gluvic, S.Gluvic 8am: A. Faulkner-Dhiman, C.Bellamin, J.Blackshaw 9.30am: M.Stormer, E.Wright
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Parish Pastoral Council
Musicians	Vigil: K. Thoms & Christine Woodward 8am: Christine Clarke 9.30am: TBC
Flowers	Fennie & Angela
Church Cleaning	22 October Jessie Borg Anne McNally Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Urge 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain

The Kids' Bulletin

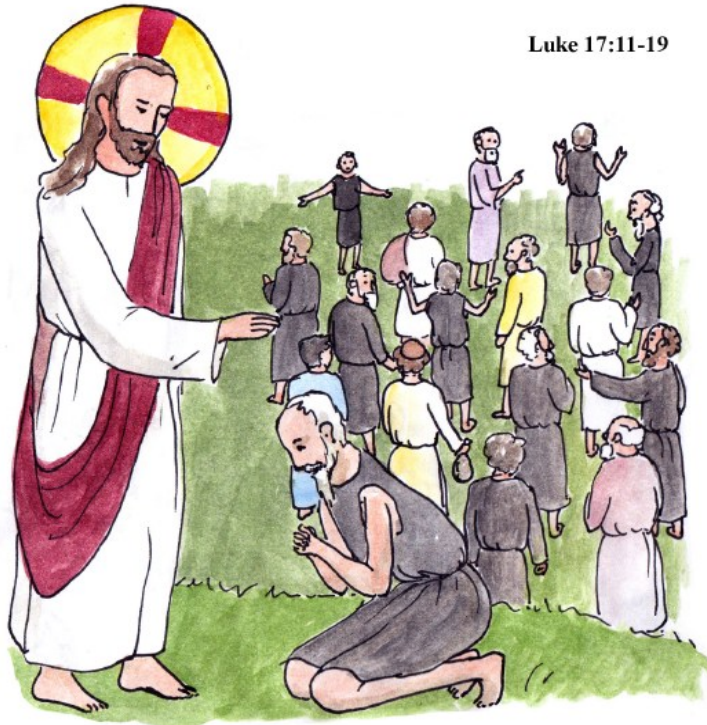
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12th, 2025

How many lepers walked away without saying 'Thank you' when Jesus healed them?

Jesus Heals Ten Lepers

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. Luke 17:15 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 17:11-19 (NIV).



Luke 17:11-19

Count how many of the people who are walking away are wearing dark grey clothes.

S U L I R D V I L L A G E A S
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VOICE	PITY	PRIESTS	JESUS	PRaise
SAMARIA	DISTANCE	VILLAGE	GALILEE	NINE
MASTER	TEN	HEALED	CLEANSED	LOUD

Choose the word that best matches the definition below.

- ___ 1. An infectious disease that damages a person's nerves and skin
A. mumps B. influenza C. malaria D. leprosy
- ___ 2. A community smaller in than a city
A. metropolis B. country C. village D. state
- ___ 3. A person ordained to perform religious duties in the church
A. teacher B. priest C. leper D. usher
- ___ 4. To restore to health
A. infect B. heal C. praise D. leprosy
- ___ 5. To rid of impurities by or as if by washing
A. cleanse B. praise C. glorify D. priest
- ___ 6. To honor, worship, and express admiration to God
A. heal B. cleanse C. praise D. thank
- ___ 7. To express gratitude to someone for something they have done
A. cleanse B. heal C. faith D. thank
- ___ 8. The number equal to $7 + 3$
A. ten B. twelve C. nine D. eleven

