



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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Let us Pray for the Sick

Florence Arinanan, Lorenzo Balabat, Max Barrett, Luigi Bertinato, Irene Cabasa, Alma Caguimbal, Mary Camilleri, John Crowther, Lawrence Charles, James Debattista, Ben Dixon, Para Dias, Annabelle Edwards, Lucia Fernando, Renuka Fernando, Philippe Honore, Anthony Janicska, Mary Jordan, Susie Manga, 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, Sakalia Ameto Vili, 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, Antonietta Bertinato, Marguerite Bru, Mary Bonnici, Paul Buttigieg, June Ciantar, Rita De Silva, Tracy Galea, Merita Fernando, Joseph Grech, Sanjivan Gnanaratnam, George Newman, Fay Russell, Rosemalar Sangarappillai, Christopher Solomon, Ralph Vaz.

Anniversaries: Leisle Abreo, Mary Alagiah, France Angseesing, Joseph Bartok, Denis Brophy, Blaise Costa, Frank, Silvia Debattista, Berlino Dulza, Ngan Siu Eng, M.A Fernando, Merita Fernando, Norma Lorenzo, Felina & Felicida Abarca Maglaya, A. Mansoor, Pietro Marra, Pauline Meilak, Denis Morrissey, Adele Moroney, Sr Christina Morrissey RSJ, Charles Muscat, Tony Muscat, Cole Ngan, John Portelli, Benigno Rival Sr, Lorita Laberinto Udan.

Remembrance: Neil Amaratunga, Maria Olympia Almodovar, Gregorio Almodovar, Peter & Antonio, Amelia & Germana Bertinato, Helen Bonnici, Frank, Maurice & Joseph Camenzuli, Barrie Chamberlain, Joseph, Frank & Maurice Camenzulli, Johnny Edwards, Sam & Silvia Debattista, Carmen, Jimmy, Antonia, Tania, Tony, Vicki, Louie, Joe & Lancer De Guire, Lena Falzon, O. Francis, J. Francis, Melvyn Fernandes, Nevis Fernando, Florencio Flores, Mario & Joe Gat, Constance Gaycroft, Maximilian & Julian Epondulan, Selvam Irudayaraj, Jonathan Tek Kie, Mangion & Cini Family, William & Emilia Mifsud, Joseph & Doris Mifsud, Mary Mifsud, Sashin Patrick Manamperi, Bertu, Albert, Paul, Louis, Stephen & Joseph Mula, Anton & Lourda Motha, Mary & Francis Muscat, Jason Muscat & family, Philippa & Jim Muscat, Mile Perak, Lakshman Perera, Eustace Ratnam, John & Roseline Ratnam, Mary Silva, Sheadon Trek, Dionisio Udan, Amalia, Melchor & Dominga M. Usman, Tony Vassollo, Shane Vaz, Jim Vella, 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 Exodus 17:8-13*

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **(R.)**

2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **(R.)**

4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 3:14-4:2*

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 18:1-8*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.



From Fr. Henry

Dear friends,

God obviously has a soft spot for widows and openly ordered the Israelites to protect them as he laid down in the code of the Covenant to Moses. He made his position very clear about the issue as he said to Moses that 'you shall not harm the widow or the orphan. If you do harm them and they cry out to me', the result will be absolutely crazy that 'my anger will blaze and I will kill you with the sword, and your own wives will be widows and your own children orphans' (cf. Ex 22.21-23), and this same message, in fact, is repeatedly echoed throughout the Old Testament (cf. Dt 10.18, Ps 146.9).

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus brings the image of the widow back through the parable with the intention to highlight 'the need to pray continually and never lose heart' according to Luke. The parable is about an unjust judge who had neither fear nor respect for anyone, including God, but gave into a widow who kept on asking him for help despite his initial refusals. Though this judge showed no compassion to this widow the way God expects from the Israelites, he decided to help her obtain justice against her perpetrator due to her persistence that gave him no rest. Jesus then argues that if such a judge was prepared to listen to the widow, God has to be far better than that and will make sure justice is to be given to his people as quick as possible, and this is the promise made by Jesus.

This account then ends with the question, 'But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?' People are wondered about what the Lord would mean to say here by posing such a question following the story encouraging his disciples to remain persistent in prayer, and some even came to the conclusion while seeing their loved ones stop practicing their faith. Anyway, on a positive note, there is a variety of ways to clarify this question: (1) number one, it is a call to encourage the disciples to remain persevering in prayer especially when their prayer seems to meet with nothing but silence, in this case it is another way to say 'will you still be faithful when I return?' (2) Number two, it is an effort to prepare the disciples for a long and difficult road ahead of them namely His coming Passion and death, and it is the equivalence of 'Will you still pray and hope when such hard times hit you?' (3) And finally number three, it is an eschatological challenge inviting the disciples to keep praying, trusting and filled with faith and hope, no matter even when the world would turn against them such as through the persecutions in the Early Church, here the question seems to be 'will you my disciples and followers keep your faith in me strong like the widow in the story when I return? Or will you have given up?

Let us pray for the grace at Mass today to remain steadfast and strong in faith, and constant and persistent in prayer, consequently what we do and say in our everyday lives will always be pleasing to God.

Have a faith-filled week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

WELCOME BISHOP VINCENT

We warmly welcome Bishop Vincent to our parish as he celebrates the 6:00PM Mass this Saturday. Thank you, Bishop Vincent, for graciously sharing your time with our community.



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

This week we will have a third collection for the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely. During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope found on your pew or by going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission.

HSC STUDENTS

Please continue to keep students doing the HSC exams this year, especially young members of our Parish community in your prayer in the coming weeks.

THE GROTTA: OLOL JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

A gentle reminder that the junior youth group meeting is on this Sunday afternoon, 19 October and we invite children aged 9-14yrs old to join us in the Parish Meeting Room, 3.30pm till 6pm which includes the 5pm mass. The Grotto for October is about 'Parables of Jesus'. Food Provided.

LOURDES PLAYGROUP

Playgroup has resumed on Friday's for term 4. Children aged 0 to 5yrs old and their carers are invited to come and join our playgroup 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 Play Group' or contact Maria on 0432 174 056.

A PRACTICAL TIP EACH WEEK TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION

TIP 6: Use public transportation more

Demand public policies so that transportation is sustainable and free, and serves the city's peripheries well. You can write a letter to the press as well, or organise a debate among neighbours.

FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT (FGM) AT OLOL

The "Divine Rainbow" group will spend a day in our harbour city on 20-October, covering Circular Quay and exploring Cockatoo Island where the group will have lunch. All are eagerly looking forward to the event. Please contact the Parish office if you would like to join the Family Group.

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 and all are invited to have a look after Mass.

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

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.



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

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



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Marriage Enrichment Weekend: 24-26 October

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on the 24-26 October at a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony via nswbookings@wwme.org.au or on 0490 774 419.

LOL SAFEGUARDING NEWS

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

How to manage Challenging Behaviours

As a volunteer, there may be times where you are going to be faced with some form of challenging behaviour. Remove yourself from the situation as soon as possible. If working with children stop current engagement with the child and while maintaining supervision of the child seek assistance of your supervisor. Take some time to think about the situation and what might be happening for the person. You can learn more online at: parracatholic.org/safeguarding

LIFTED Live in the Forecourt: 25 October

Join Catholic Youth Parramatta as they celebrate the 10th anniversary of LIFTED Live in the Forecourt on Saturday 25 October at St Patrick's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend Youth Mass at 6pm, with festivities from 7pm. Coinciding with [Parramatta Lanes](https://parracatholic.org/events/lifted-live-in-the-forecourt/), we invite everyone for an exciting night of Catholic worship, prayer, friendship and community, showcasing the talent and passion of the Catholic Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. For information, <https://parracatholic.org/events/lifted-live-in-the-forecourt/>

Winston Hills Parish Seven Surprises of the Eucharist Presentation: 30 October

St Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills, is pleased to announce the next event in its 'Faith Seeking Understanding' series. Dr Robert Haddad will present on the topic "Seven Surprises of the Eucharist" on Thursday 30 October at 7.45pm, with optional Mass at 7pm. All welcome to attend and there is no need to RSVP. For more information, please contact the parish office on (02) 9639 6516 or email winstonhills@parracatholic.org.

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

Noël! Noël! at St Patrick's Cathedral: 16 December

Step into the splendour of the season with Noël! Noël!, the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra and Choir's much-loved Christmas tradition at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. This uplifting concert weaves together Baroque masterpieces, timeless carols, and festive songs from across the centuries, performed with the Brandenburg's signature energy and joy. Join us on Tuesday the 16th of December for a night of reflection, celebration, and pure musical delight: a radiant reminder of the beauty, hope, and spirit of Christmas. Buy tickets now from <https://www.brandenburg.com.au/live-concerts/events/noel-noel-2025/>

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.

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry is a safe place for those young people who choose to come to our Church Youth Groups to deepen their faith. Here at LOL Seven Hills we:

- Create a safe and inclusive place for all young people
- Ensure all those who facilitate Youth Groups act and speak appropriately when working with children
- Conduct our Youth Ministry within the expectations of the legal requirements of Child Protection / Safeguarding and Diocesan Policies.

POPE LEO'S ANGELUS

Dear brothers and sisters, before concluding the celebration, I would like to extend my warm greetings to all of you who have gathered here to pray in this great "cenacle" together with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. You represent the wide range of associations, movements and communities that are inspired by Marian devotion, which is proper to every Christian. I thank you and urge you always to base your spirituality on Sacred Scripture and the Tradition of the Church. I greet all the groups of pilgrims, in particular the Augustinian laity of Italy and the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites.

In recent days, the agreement to begin the peace process has given a spark of hope in the Holy Land. I encourage the parties involved to continue courageously on the path they have chosen, towards a just and lasting peace that respects the legitimate aspirations of the Israeli and Palestinian peoples. Two years of conflict have caused death and destruction throughout the land, especially in the hearts of those who have brutally lost their children, parents, friends and possessions. With the entire Church, I am close to your immense pain. The gentle touch of the Lord is directed especially toward you today, in the certainty that even amidst the deepest darkness, he always remains with us: "*Dilexi te*, I have loved you." We ask God, who is the true Peace of humanity, to heal all wounds and to help us with his grace to accomplish what now seems humanly impossible: to remember that the other is not an enemy, but a brother or sister to be seen, forgiven and offered the hope of reconciliation.

With sorrow, I have followed the news of the recent violent attacks that struck several cities and civilian infrastructure in Ukraine, causing the death of innocent people, including children, and leaving many families without electricity and heating. My heart goes out to those who suffer, who have been living in anguish and deprivation for years. I renew my appeal to put an end to violence, to stop destruction, to open up to dialogue and peace!

I am close to the dear people of Peru at this time of political transition. I pray that Peru may continue on the path of reconciliation, dialogue and national unity.

Today in Italy, we remember the victims of workplace accidents: let us pray for them and for the safety of all workers. And now let us turn to Mary with filial trust.

POPE LEO'S GENERAL AUDIENCE

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

In the Jubilee Year catecheses, until now, we have retraced the life of Jesus, following the Gospels, from his birth to his death and resurrection. In so doing, our pilgrimage of hope has found its solid foundation, its sure way. Now, in the last part of the journey, we will allow the mystery of Christ, which culminates in the Resurrection, to radiate its light of salvation in contact with the current human and historical reality, with its questions and challenges.

Our lives are marked by countless events, full of different nuances and experiences. At times we feel joyful, other times sad, other times fulfilled or stressed, gratified or demotivated. We live busy lives, we concentrate on achieving results, and we even attain lofty, prestigious goals. Conversely, we remain suspended, precarious, awaiting success and recognition that are delayed or do not arrive at all. We find ourselves experiencing a paradoxical situation: we would like to be happy, and yet it is very difficult to be happy in a continuous way, without any shadows. We come to terms with our limitations and, at the same time, with the irrepressible urge to try to overcome them. We feel deep down that we are always missing something. In truth, we were not created for *lack*, but for *fullness*, to rejoice in life, and life in abundance, according to Jesus' expression in the Gospel of John (cf. 10:10).

This deep desire in our hearts can find its ultimate answer not in roles, not in power, not in having, but in the certainty that there is someone who guarantees this constitutive impulse of our humanity; the awareness that this expectation will not be disappointed or thwarted. This certainty coincides with hope. This does not mean thinking in an optimistic way: often optimism lets us down, causing our expectations to implode, whereas hope promises and fulfils.

Sisters and brothers, the Risen Jesus is the guarantee of this deliverance! He is the wellspring that satisfies our thirst, the infinite thirst for fullness that the Holy Spirit imbues into our hearts. Indeed, the Resurrection of Christ is not a simple event of human history, but the event that transformed it from within.

Let us think about a source of water. What are its characteristics? It quenches thirst and refreshes creatures, irrigates the land, renders fertile and living what would otherwise remain barren. It gives refreshment to the weary traveller, offering him the joy of an oasis of freshness. A wellspring appears as a freely-given gift for nature, for creatures, for human beings. Without water it is not possible to live.

The Risen One is the living wellspring that does not dry up and does not change. It always stays pure and ready for anyone who is thirsty. And the more we taste the mystery of God, the more we are attracted to it, without ever becoming completely satiated. St Augustine, in the tenth Book of the *Confessions*, captures exactly this inexhaustible longing of our hearts and expresses it in his famous *Hymn to Beauty*: "You exhaled odours, and I drew in my breath and do pant after you. I tasted, and do hunger and thirst. You touched me, and I burned for your peace" (X, 27, 38).

Jesus, with his Resurrection, has guaranteed for us a permanent source of life: he is the living one (cf. *Rev* 1:18), the lover of life, the victor over all death. Therefore, he is able to offer us refreshment in our earthly journey and assure us of perfect peace in eternity. Only Jesus, who died and rose again, responds to the deepest questions of our heart: is there really a destination for us? Does our existence have any meaning? And the suffering of so many innocents, how can it be redeemed?

The Risen Jesus does not bestow upon us an answer "from above", but becomes our companion on this often arduous, painful and mysterious journey. Only He can fill our empty flask when our thirst becomes unbearable. And he is also the destination of our journey. Without his love, the voyage of life would become wandering without a goal, a tragic mistake with a missed destination. We are fragile creatures. Mistakes are part of our humanity; it is the wound of sin that makes us fall, give up, despair. To rise again instead means to get up and stand on our feet. The Risen One guarantees our arrival, leading us home, where we are awaited, loved, saved. To journey with him means to experience being sustained despite everything, to have our thirst quenched and to be refreshed in the hardships and struggles that, like heavy stones, threaten to block or divert our history.

Dear friends, from Christ's Resurrection springs the hope that gives us a foretaste, despite the fatigue of living, of a deep and joyful calm: that peace the only he can give us in the end, without end.

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

Witnesses, therefore missionaries

In this way, dear young people, with the help of the Holy Spirit, you can become missionaries of Christ in the world. Many of your peers are exposed to violence, forced to use weapons, separated from their loved ones, and compelled to migrate or flee. Many lack education and other essential goods. All share the search for meaning and the insecurity that accompanies it, the discomfort of growing social and work pressures, the difficulty of dealing with family crises, the painful feeling of a lack of opportunities, as well as the remorse for mistakes they have made. You can stand alongside other young people, walk with them and show that God, in Jesus, has drawn close to each person. As Pope Francis often said, “Christ shows that God is closeness, compassion and tender love” (Encyclical Letter *Dilexit nos*, 35).

Granted, it is not always easy to bear witness. In the Gospels, we often find tension between acceptance and rejection of Jesus: “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (*Jn* 1:5). Similarly, the disciple-witness experiences rejection firsthand and sometimes even violent opposition. The Lord does not hide this painful reality: “If they persecuted me, they will persecute you” (*Jn* 15:20). However, it becomes an opportunity to put into practice the greatest commandment: “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” (*Mt* 5:44). That is what the martyrs have done since the beginning of the Church.

Dear young people, this is not a story that belongs only to the past. To this day, in many places around the world, Christians and people of good will suffer persecution, deceit and violence. Perhaps this unfortunate painful experience has marked you as well, and you may have been tempted to react instinctively by putting yourselves on the same level as those who have rejected you, adopting aggressive attitudes. But let us recall the wise advice of Saint Paul: “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” (*Rom* 12:21).

So do not be discouraged: like the saints, you too are called to persevere with hope, especially in the face of difficulties and obstacles.

Fraternity as a bond of peace

From friendship with Christ, which is a gift of the Holy Spirit within us, there arises a way of life that bears the character of fraternity. Young people who have encountered Christ bring the “warmth” and “flavor” of fraternity wherever they go, and anyone who comes into contact with them is drawn into a new and profound dimension, made up of selfless closeness, sincere compassion and genuine tenderness. The Holy Spirit enables us to see our neighbor with new eyes: in the other person there is a brother, a sister!

The witness of fraternity and peace that friendship with Christ awakens in us casts off indifference and spiritual laziness, helping us to overcome closed-mindedness and suspicion. It also builds bonds between us, urging us to work together, from volunteerism to “political charity,” to build new living conditions for all. Do not follow those who use the words of faith to divide; instead, make plans to remove inequalities and reconcile divided and oppressed communities. To that end, friends, let us listen to the voice of God within us and overcome our selfishness, becoming active artisans of peace. That peace, which is a gift of the risen Lord (cf. *Jn* 20:19), will become visible in the world through the common witness of those who carry his Spirit in their hearts.

Dear young people, in the face of the world’s sufferings and hopes, let us fix our gaze on Jesus. As he was dying on the cross, he entrusted the Virgin Mary to John as his mother, and John to her as her son.

That ultimate gift of love is for every disciple, for each of us. I invite you to welcome this holy bond with Mary, a mother full of affection and understanding, and to cultivate it in particular by praying the Rosary. That way, in every situation of our life, we will experience that we are never alone, for as children we are always loved, forgiven and encouraged by God. Bear witness to this joyfully!

From the Vatican, 7 October 2025, Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Holy Rosary

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 'Melbourne Cup' meeting Tuesday 4th November 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		
19	Catholic Mission Appeal	9.30am
19	The Grotto: OLOL Junior Youth Group Meeting	3.30pm
31	All Saints School Mass	9.15am

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

18/19 October

Acolytes	Vigil: Frank Paiva 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

25/26 October

Acolytes	Vigil: Derick Soares 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am: Rommel Lagare
Ministers	Vigil: J.Franco, R. Soares 8am: J.Sarmiento, A.McNally 9.30am: A.Walker, C.Brooks
Readers	Vigil: T.Perak, C.Rodrigues 8am: F.Paiva, B.Motha 9.30am: M.Aquino, J.Nonanto
Altar Servers	Vigil: J.Sant, D.Sant, A.Monterio 8am: VOLUNTEERS 9.30am: K.Cassaniti, L.Sadipoor, A.Melki
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Couples for Christ
Musicians	Vigil: Christine Woodward 8am: Christine Clarke 9.30am: Nina's group
Flowers	Annette & Mary
Church Cleaning	1 Nov Judith Deloso Edgar Cabrera Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Edgardo Barcelon

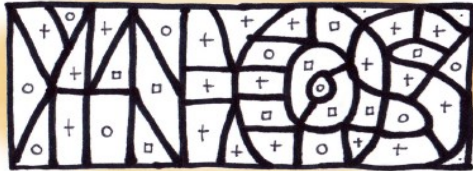
The Kids' Bulletin

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19th, 2025



Luke 18:1-8

Did the unjust judge in today's parable finally help the widow?
Only fill in the spaces with + 's to find out!



HELP THE WIDOW FIND THE JUDGE



Keep On Praying

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. Luke 18:1 (NIV)
The puzzle is based on Luke 18:1-8 (NIV).



M U J D I A V U N J U S T Q R
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