



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, T.Q Letran, 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, Paul Buttigieg, June Ciantar, Rita De Silva, Tracy Galea, Joseph Grech, Sanjivan Gnanaratnam, Anthony Laggan, Matilde Mifsud, 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, Francis Garcia, Sheena Landagan, Norma Lorenzo, Felina & Felicida Abarca Maglaya, A. Mansoor, Pietro Marra, Pauline Meilak, Sr Christina Morrissey RSJ, Charles Muscat, Tony Muscat, Cole Ngan, John Portelli, Benigno Rivala 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 & Launcer De Guire, Lena Falzon, O. Francis, J. Francis, Melvyn Fernandes, Merita Fernando, Nevis Fernando, Florencio Flores, Leandro Garcia Snr, Evangeline, Ruby & Jose Garcia, 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.***

Funeral Notice

Anthony Laggan

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Thursday 30th of October, 10.30am

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

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 second book of Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-18*

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R.)**

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 18:9-14*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here.

I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



From Fr. Henry

Dear friends,

The Gospel this Sunday talks about two prominent groups of people in Israel during Jesus' time, the Pharisees and the tax collectors.

The Pharisees whose name means 'the separated ones' followed the oral traditions containing of a long list of rules and regulations which they believed could help them not to violate Moses' law, and true to their name, they refused to associate with those who did not observe the oral traditions for fear of being corrupted by them, and they had no problem to refer to themselves as righteous.

The tax collectors or publicans, on the other hand, helped to collect tax money from Jewish people for the Roman Empire, the money they thought should go for the upkeep of the Jerusalem Temple instead, and it was even worse when they got rich by collecting more money than they were supposed to and using the excess to consolidate their position through bribery. Jewish people as a whole had no respect for this group of people whom they regarded as sinners.

What Jesus aims to do by telling this parable is to challenge those 'who pride themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else,' as Luke said right at the start of the Gospel, and who was proud of themselves as virtuous if not the Pharisees, and who were despised by Jewish people if not the tax collectors.

In the story, Jesus put the two men in the context of their prayer in the Jerusalem Temple: the Pharisee proudly went on and on about how good he was by citing the list of his achievements which he thought made him far more better than the tax collector. Interestingly, Jesus made this significant comment prior to the Pharisee even opening his mouth, that 'he said this prayer to himself', meaning the Pharisee didn't pray to God at all, but to himself; the tax collector, however, showed nothing but deep humility before God by staying away from the sanctuary, beating his breast, keeping his eyes downward, and humbly mumbling this humble prayer, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' Just wonder you remember who famously said 'I am a sinner' when asked by a journalist to introduce himself in an interview.

The results that came out of the prayers of these two men, according to Jesus, were the tax man was at rights with God, while the Pharisee was not. Jesus then went further to encourage his followers to go for the virtue of humility, and stay away from being haughty through the statement he made at the end of the Gospel reading, that 'for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Inspired by the message Jesus gives us in the Gospel today, let us pray today for the wisdom to know what the Lord expects from us and the strength to help us remain humble servants of the Lord both before God and all.

Have a humility-oriented week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

For the celebration of the Feast of All Saints this year, we will have an additional Mass on Saturday, 1st November, at 8:00am. Please take some time to join us for this morning Mass as we celebrate the gifts of all the Holy Men and Women in the Church.

A PRACTICAL TIP EACH WEEK TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION

TIP 7: Every night unplug unused electrical appliances

We save electrical energy by doing this and also by using rationally all the technological devices that we have.

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's Play Group' or contact Maria on 0432 174 056.

COLUMBA CALENDAR 2026

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

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.

MIDNIGHT CHRISTMAS MASS CHOIR

Parishioners of high school age and above are invited to join the Midnight Mass Choir this Christmas. Singers and instrumentalists, particularly those who play woodwind, string, or brass instruments, are warmly encouraged to join us. Practice dates will be Sunday 14 December at 11am and Saturday 20 December at 4pm. If you would like to take part or for further information, please kindly contact Christine Clarke on 0488 113 920 or the Parish Office.

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
- Administration and Projects Coordinator
Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

FaithLIFE Ministry: 5 + 19 November

Are you wanting to refresh your skills in ministry? Seeking or currently involved in ministry with your faith community? Sign up now for the 2-session FaithLIFE Ministry short course with Alison & Donnie from the Mission Enhancement Team (MET) on Wednesday 5 NOV + 19 NOV 6:30pm till 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown, cnr Flushcombe Road! Details via <https://tr.ee/sAMkSrihAI> OR get in touch with the team via met@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

Mass and prayers for Deceased Clergy: 12 November

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its annual Mass for our deceased clergy on Wednesday 12 November at 9:15am at Holy Name of Mary Parish, Rydalmere, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Rookwood Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ. We encourage each parish to offer a Mass for the deceased priests and deacons who have served in your own parish on the same day, to unite in prayer for this special intention.

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 15 November for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 10am to 3pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wentworthville.

Please register directly for this training or other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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.

Annual Bishop Vincent Vatican II Lecture: 12 November

How does Vatican II continue to inform the work of becoming a synodal church? To learn more, all are invited to Bishop Vincent's annual lecture on Vatican II on Wednesday 12th November, 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown, cnr Flushcombe Road. Register for limited seating and share with others via <https://tr.ee/xzetr5kVI> OR get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

Parramatta Street Feast: 19 November

You are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast, a Festival of Welcome on 19 November 2025 from 11am till 3pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Parramatta. It's a space for people from all walks of life to come together in a spirit of community, solidarity and friendship, and to enjoy delicious food, free services, creative activities and great music! You can support the Street Feast as a volunteer, or share your talent by hosting an activity table. Find out more and express your interest at parracatholic.org/streetfeast

Catholic Healthcare Christmas Fair: 14 November

Join Catholic Healthcare for a festive Christmas Fete at Bodington Wentworth Falls! We're raising funds to help our residents tick off their bucket list wishes, every contribution makes a difference! Join us on 14 November from 4pm to 8pm at Bodington Drive (off Tableland Rd), Wentworth Falls. Enjoy local stalls, a silent art auction, face painting and festive fun for all. Come celebrate community, joy, and the spirit of giving!

Blue Mountains Deanery Christ the King Eucharistic Procession: 23 November – procession update

The Blue Mountains Deanery will be commemorating the Solemnity of Christ the King with a Eucharistic Procession on Sunday 23 November in Springwood. The procession will start 9.30am from the sports field within St Thomas Aquinas Primary School and go to St Thomas Aquinas Parish, where Mass will be celebrated 10am. Morning tea will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend.

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.

Privacy and Confidentiality

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

Safeguarding Prayer

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required. Amen

POPE LEO'S ANGELUS

Dear brothers and sisters,

I extend my heartfelt greetings to all of you who have taken part in this celebration, which has been a great feast of holiness!

I thank the Cardinals, Patriarchs and Bishops who are present. I also greet with gratitude the President of the Italian Republic, the President of Lebanon and the distinguished official delegations, in particular those from Armenia and Venezuela.

I welcome the spiritual daughters of the Foundresses who have been canonized today and the various communities and associations inspired by the charisms of the new Saints. Thank you all for your devout participation!

I extend my greetings to the other pilgrims present, in particular to the *Hermanidad del Señor de los Milagros*, which celebrated the traditional procession.

Today is World Mission Day. While the whole Church is missionary, today we pray especially for those men and women who have left everything to bring the Gospel to those who do not know it. They are *missionaries of hope among all peoples*. May the Lord bless them!

The news from Myanmar is sadly distressing: there are reports of ongoing armed clashes and aerial bombardments, including the targeting of civilians and civilian infrastructure. I am spiritually close to those who are suffering as a result of the violence, insecurity and many hardships. I renew my heartfelt appeal for an immediate and effective ceasefire. May the instruments of war give way to those of peace, through inclusive and constructive dialogue.

Let us entrust to the intercession of the Virgin Mary and the new Saints our constant prayer for peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine and other places affected by war. May God grant all their leaders the wisdom and perseverance to advance in the search for a just and lasting peace.

POPE LEO XIV MESSAGE TO YOUNG PEOPLE ON BEL ESPOIR

By Salvatore Cernuzio

Pope Leo XIV travelled to the coastal town of Ostia, some 25 kilometres southeast of Rome, on Friday afternoon, to visit the crew of the *Med25 Bel Espoir*, a sailing ship that has been touring Mediterranean ports for months with 25 young people of different nationalities and religions on board.

Also present was Cardinal Jean-Marc Aveline of Marseille, where the peace training project began. Speaking off the cuff and chatting to the young people on board, the Pope encouraged them to give “signs of hope” amid hatred, violence, and division.

Standing on the deck as the sea breeze blew, and then below deck before a cup of coffee, Pope Leo urged the young sailors to “learn to be builders and promoters of peace in a world moving toward violence and polarisation.”

The 'Bel Espoir'

The *Bel Espoir*—a 1940s French ship—has spent eight months sailing from port to port in the Mediterranean to spread a message of fraternity, with stops in La Valletta, Tunis, Crete, Istanbul (where they met Patriarch Bartholomew), Ravenna, and Naples. Originally bound for Civitavecchia, which is further north on the coast, they changed course to Ostia at the Pope's suggestion.

In this town deeply linked to St. Augustine and St. Monica, the Augustinian Pope recalled his own visits to the area, calling Ostia “an important harbour in the history of the world and of the Church.”

Signs of hope

Addressing the group in English, he said: “We can be united even if we come from different countries, languages, cultures, and religions, because we are all human beings.”

The Pope thanked the youth for their gifts—a drawing of the ship, a “White Book of the Mediterranean,” and a map signed by all—and praised them as “a sign of hope for the Mediterranean and for the world.”

Three guiding words

He left them with three words to guide their journey: dialogue, bridges, and peace. “Learn to listen to one another, respect each other, and overcome difficulties together. Build bridges—not just across the Mediterranean, but among all peoples.”

“I'm sure that so many people living together on such a small boat... You must learn to live together, to respect one another, and to overcome difficulties,” he added, noting that “This is a great experience for all of you young people—but it's also something you can teach all of us.”

“Finally,” the Pope continued, “the third word, which is so important—and some of you told me you are Palestinian—is to learn to be builders of peace. We are all sons and daughters of the one God. We all live together in this world and share a common responsibility: to care for creation, to care for one another, and to promote peace throughout the world.”

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

“Congratulations!” the Holy Father said, “and thank you for contributing to this sign for the world, which truly gives hope to all of us.”

“May your generation, and many other young people like you, continue to promote this kind of initiative—one that truly builds peace across the world. Thank you, thank you, thank you,” he exclaimed.

After a group photo and a final song—“Peace, pace, salam, paix”—the *Bel Espoir* cast off again, leaving Ostia behind on its way to Corsica, carrying forward its message of unity and hope.

POPE LEO'S GENERAL AUDIENCE

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

"To journey with Jesus means to experience being sustained despite everything—to have our thirst quenched and to be refreshed amid the hardships and struggles that, like heavy stones, threaten to block or divert our path through life."

Pope Leo XIV offered these consoling words during his General Audience on Wednesday morning in St. Peter's Square, as he continued his catechesis series titled 'Jesus Christ, Our Hope.'

Reflecting on the realities of human experience, the Holy Father acknowledged the often conflicting emotions and limitations that mark our lives.

"At times, we feel joyful; at other times, sad. We may feel fulfilled or stressed, gratified or demotivated. We live busy lives, focusing on results, sometimes even attaining prestigious goals. Other times, we remain suspended—precarious—awaiting success or recognition that never comes," he said.

"In short," he observed, "we find ourselves in a paradox: we long to be happy, and yet lasting happiness often eludes us."

Wrestling with our limitations

Pope Leo noted that this tension reveals both our limitations and our deep desire to transcend them. "We come to terms with what we lack, while feeling an irrepressible urge to overcome it. We sense, deep down, that something is always missing."

Yet, he reassured the faithful, this longing is no accident, "We were not created for lack, but for fullness—to rejoice in life, and life in abundance."

"This deep desire in our hearts," the Holy Father continued, "cannot be satisfied by roles, power, or possessions. It can only be fulfilled by the certainty that someone sustains this foundational impulse of our humanity—by the assurance that our deepest hopes will not be disappointed."

The Risen Christ is our certainty and hope

That assurance, Pope Leo affirmed, is found in Jesus Christ.

"This certainty," he highlighted, "is what we call hope. It's not mere optimism—optimism often collapses under the weight of disappointment. But hope, Christian hope, promises and fulfills."

"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 placed in our hearts by the Holy Spirit."

Christ's Resurrection, he emphasized, is not simply a historical event, but the transformative mystery at the heart of time.

"The Risen One is a living wellspring—He does not dry up, nor does He change. He is always pure, always present, always ready for those who thirst."

A taste of eternal peace

Quoting St. Augustine's *Confessions*, Pope Leo spoke of the deep spiritual longing awakened by divine beauty, "You exhaled fragrance, and I drew in my breath and pant for You. I tasted, and now I hunger and thirst. You touched me, and I burned for Your peace."

"Jesus, in His Resurrection, has guaranteed a permanent source of life. He is the Living One (cf. Rev 1:18), the Lover of Life, the Victor over death," the Pope declared. "He alone can refresh us along our earthly pilgrimage and offer us a peace that endures into eternity."

Only Jesus, he stressed, responds to the deepest questions of the human heart: "Is there truly a destination for us? Does our existence have meaning? And how can the suffering of the innocent be redeemed?"

Christ walks with us

"The Risen Jesus does not offer answers 'from above,' detached from our pain," Pope Leo said. "Instead, He walks with us—on a road that is often difficult, painful, and mysterious."

"When our flask is empty, when thirst becomes unbearable," the Pope reminded, "only He can fill it."

The Holy Father emphasized that Jesus is not only our companion but our destination. "Without His love," he said, "life becomes aimless—a tragic journey without a true end."

He acknowledged human fragility, noting that "the wound of sin" can cause us to fall, give up, or despair. But we are not meant to remain fallen.

Only the peace He gives

Thus, Pope Leo encouraged, we are to "rise again" and "stand on our feet," for the Risen Christ "guarantees that we will arrive" and "leads us home, to a place where we are awaited, loved, and saved."

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.

November 2025		
1	All Saints School Mass	8.00am
4	Over 50's Meeting 'Melbourne Cup'	10.30am
12	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm

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

25/26 October

Acolytes	Vigil: Derick Soares 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am: Rommel Lagare
Ministers	Vigil: J.Franco, R. Soares 8am: J.Sarmiento, SUB RQD 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

1/2 November

Acolytes	Vigil: Darryl Green 8am: Fayelene Kennedy 9.30am: Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil: N. Shami, A. Franco 8am: M. Santos, J. Irudayaraj 9.30am: M. Michael, P. Gow
Readers	Vigil: Yxaak & Yxavel Dino 8am: J. Mai & A. McNally 9.30am: R. Nigli, E. Pieris
Altar Servers	Vigil: A. Bagatella, C.Rodrigues, C.Smith 8am: J. Blackshaw, A. Faulkner-Dhiman 9.30am: J. Pieris, M. Pieris, C. Attard
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	8 Nov Tongan Community Edgardo Barcelon Edgar Cabrera
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Ugre 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Sastina Pieris

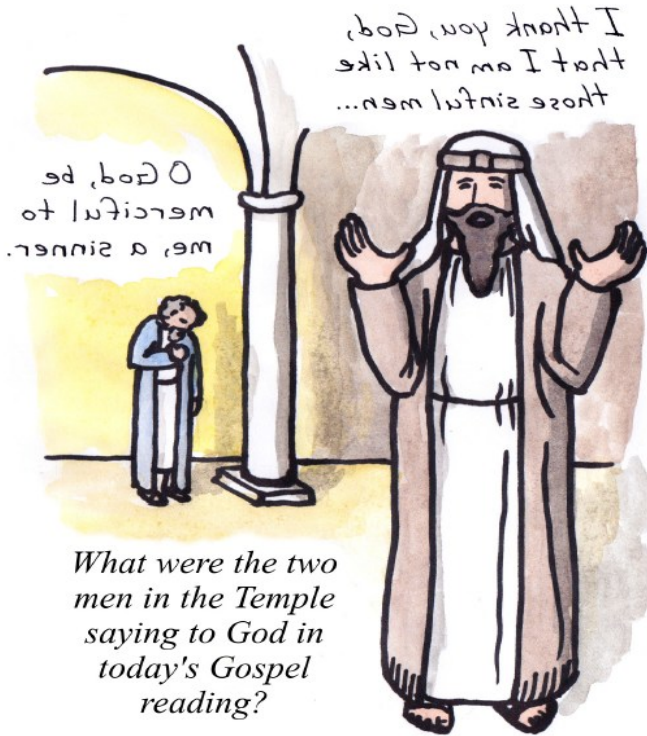
The Kids' Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26th, 2025

The Pharisee & The Tax Collector

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. Luke 18:14b (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 18:9-14 (NIV).



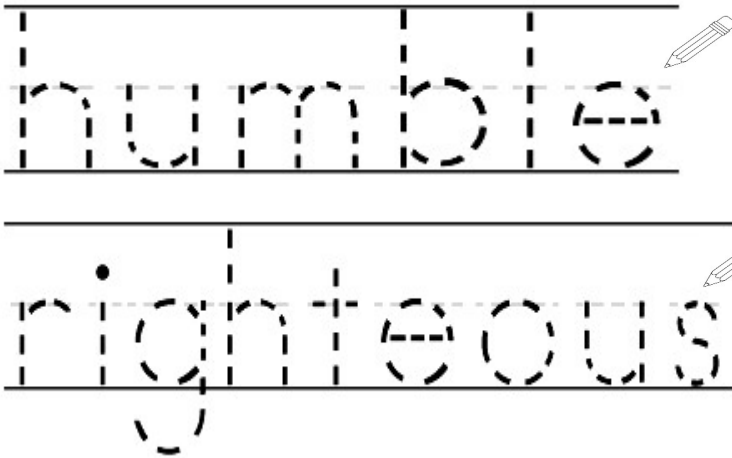
What were the two men in the Temple saying to God in today's Gospel reading?

Look in the mirror to find out!

Luke 18:9-14

C J U S T I F I E D E L D W F
F A F I N L E X A L T K O R Z
T J I R I G H T E O U S X O R
C C W C A D U L T E R E R S K
S A O A Z H B C U D S K P V P
E V I L D O E R S T E M P L E
C W H O L I V M E C U T M P Y
T R O B B E R S Z A N V M R F
H E A V E N C I P E S K E A L
S U B T H T H T D A I T R Y Y
I E M P T T H I O J R F C K P
N W D B W X F A G R F A Y B E
N F T G L N F Z N C F D B K O
E Q L A O E T W R K M J D L W
R E T C X P H A R I S E E W E

TEMPLE	EXALT	TAX	PARABLE	LOOK
JUSTIFIED	HEAVEN	PHARISEE	RIGHTEOUS	HUMBLE
BREAST	COLLECTOR	ROBBERS	THANK	EVILDOERS
MERCY	PRAY	ADULTERERS	CONFIDENT	SINNER



Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words below.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
S	V	T	K	Q	B	W	H	C	R	M	L	D	O	U	G	A	Z	F	E	X	P	Y	J	I	N

- 22-17-10-17-6-12-20
- 8-20-17-2-20-26
- 11-20-10-9-23
- 20-21-17-12-3
- 3-20-11-22-12-20
- 8-15-11-6-12-20
- 22-10-17-23
- 1-25-26-26-20-10



MERCY	PARABLE	SINNER	PRAY
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