

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, Penny Briscoe, Irene Cabasa, Alma Caguimbal, Mary Camilleri, John Crowther, Lawrence Charles, James Debattista, Christian Detera, Ben Dixon, Para Dias, Annabelle Edwards, Lucia Fernando, Renuka Fernando, Philippe Honore, Anthony Janicska, Mary Jordan, T.Q Letran, Susie Manga, Melissa Mead, Blago Milicevic, Zeferino Jayson Morales, Gary Morrissey, Jayne Muscat, 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, Bruna Bagatella, Rosita Ballecer, Antonietta Bertinato, Joseph Grech, Sanjivan Gnanaratnam, Chandra Fernando, Tessie & Andy Mangine, Maria Mendonca, Anthony Laggan, Matilde Mifsud, Patria Molavin, Susan Nisda, Maria Amma Peter, Sam Raiti, Fay Russell, Rosemalar Sangarappilai, Forta Sultana, Ralph Vaz, Antionette Zarb.

Anniversaries: Leisle Abreo, Mary Alagiah, France Angseesing, Carolina Borg, Blaise Costa, Frank, M.A Fernando, Rienzie Fernando, Monte Franco, Stephen Gravina, Martha Joseph, Felicisimo Prahinog, Natalia Prahinog, Ngoc Khuong Mai, Pietro Marra, A. Mansoor, Pauline Meilak, Charles Muscat, Tony Muscat, Tao Ngoc Nguyen, Benedicto Pacanza, Isabela Imperial Rudern Pacanza, Vicente Sesduero, Lorita Laberinto Udan, Floriana Usero

Remembrance: Jose Abadiano, Neil Amaratunga, Maria Olympia Almodovar, Helen Bonnici, Gregorio Almodovar, Antonio, Amelia & Germana Bertinato, Peter & Antonio, Frank, Maurice & Joseph Camenzuli, Barrie Chamberlain, Joseph, Johnny Edwards, Sam & Silvia Debattista, Carmen, Jimmy, Antonia, Tania, Tony, Vicki, Louie, Joe & Launcer De Guire, O. Francis, J. Francis, Melvyn Fernandes, Merita Fernando, Nevis Fernando, Leandro Garcia Snr, Evangeline, Rudy Garcia, Jose Garcia, Mario & Joe Gat, Maximilian & Julian Epondulan, Selvam Irudayaraj, Hans Vito Johansson, Sylvia Johansson, J.B, Jonathan Tek Kie, Mangion & Cini Family, Sashin Patrick Manamperi, Paul Michalef, William & Emilia Mifsud, Joseph & Doris Mifsud, Mary Mifsud, Felna Mislos, Bertu, Albert, Paul, Louis, Stephen & Joseph Mula, Anton & Lourda Motha, Mary & Francis Muscat, Jason Muscat & family, Philippa & Jim Muscat, Gil & Angelita Opina, Romeo M. Pamos, Carol Anne Paterson, Lakshman Perera, Eustace Ratnam, John & Roseline Ratnam, Mary Silva, Sheadon Trek, Pasiole Uate, Dionisio Udan, Tony Vassollo, Shane Vaz, Jim Vella, Generoso, Modesta, Fernando Viray, Vinnie Zahra, Robert & Leila Zammit, Mary Zammit.

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

Our Lady of Lourdes

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



Amen.

REGULAR COLLECTIONS - First and Second

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

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

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

SECOND COLLECTION or Planned Giving Program

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

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

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

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

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

SMART DEVICE TERMINALS

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



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THE PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

FIRST READING *A reading from the prophet Malachi 3:19-20*

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

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| 1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.) | 3. For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness. (R.) |
| 2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord. (R.) | |

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 3:7-12*

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 21:5-19*

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



From Fr. Henry

Dear friends,

Due to Jewish resistance to the Roman occupation, Titus, as we know, led a brutal siege of Jerusalem in April 70 and the Roman forces successfully breached the walls of the city in August the same year to flatten it. They slaughtered or enslaved many thousands of Jewish people and forced the Apostles and other followers of Jesus to leave Jerusalem and seek refuge in other parts of the empire, such as Rome, Greece and Ephesus.

There they helped build up the Church through preaching, writing, and forming communities, all while enduring waves of violent persecution under successive Roman emperors, Nero, Trajan, Decius, Valerian, Diocletian, and others until Constantine embraced Christianity and, together with Licinius, issued the Edict of Milan in 312, granting religious freedom to Christians and other faiths. He even gave the Lateran Palace to Pope Miltiades for the construction of the Lateran Basilica. According to some historians, there were around 3,000 to 3,500 Christians executed between 303-311 under the reign of Diocletian.

These events historical, but tragic were echoed throughout the Gospel of Luke this Sunday, in which Jesus predicted both the fall of Jerusalem, and the persecution his followers were faced with. 'All these things you are staring at now- the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed,' foretold Jesus long before that happened, and then warned the disciples that 'nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom,' and that 'men will seize you and persecute you.... and bring you before kings and governors because of my name... and some of you will be put to death.' Despite all these apocalyptic times looming ahead just like the coming of the end time, Jesus sent out a positive message asking the disciples to stay calm, endure in their faith and continue to put their trust in him, because they shall receive support helping them to bear witness to him.

As we are approaching the end of another liturgical year in the Church, the message about calmness, trust and endurance Jesus conveyed to the disciples and his followers in the past has remained very valuable for us to heed and embrace while dealing with all the challenges and troubles of our time. Pray that amongst our everyday difficulties we continue to be faithful witnesses to Jesus through the way we live our lives filled with faith, hope and love for God and humanity.

Have a joy-filled week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

PARISH BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During this month of November, we focus upon praying for all those who have gone before us, and all are encouraged to enter in our Parish Book of Remembrance the names of the deceased you would like to pray for. The book is placed at the Baptismal font before Mass and brought to the front of the Altar at Mass to remind us of our communion with those whose names are registered in the book.

November envelopes are also available around the church for our parishioners to offer Mass intentions for the dead, please leave your Mass intention envelopes in the offering bowl on the Altar.

FR HENRY'S ANNUAL RETREAT

Fr Henry will be away for a retreat from Monday 17th until Friday 21st November. The Franciscan friars and Fr Kevin Walsh will provide supplies for all weekday Masses during this time.

PARISH THANK YOU DINNER

As a Parish tradition, all our ministers and volunteers are invited to join our Parish Thank You dinner at 6.30pm on Friday the 28th November 2025 in our Parish Hall. Please RSVP on the clipboard available at the rear of the church for catering purposes.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 16 NOVEMBER 2025

For the World day of the Poor this year, let us renew our ongoing solidarity with the needy materially and especially spiritually both near to us and across the world. Remember what the pope reminds us on this occasion that 'the poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel.'

HOLY COMMUNION HOME VISIT MINISTERS MEETING

There is a meeting for all who minister Holy Communion to the sick and homebound on Sunday, 23rd November at 11am in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, please contact Deacon Thong 0452 210 951

SCAM ALERT

Please be aware of scam emails circulating throughout the Diocese referencing parish priest names asking for your assistance. Please delete and don't click on any links. If you need to verify the source call the Parish Office.

REPORT FROM OUR RECENT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

During the meeting, members of the PPC had the chance to listen to both the reports from various Parish groups and the update of our Parish Pastoral Plan, and discuss Fundraising projects for the construction of our Parish Hall canopy, that include the three-stage Plaque Funding Project, the raffle and possibly a Multicultural night. With the Plaque Funding Project, our parishioners will have the opportunity to leave their mark in the history of the parish by purchasing a plaque inscribed a chosen name for \$300 each and to be installed on the wall in front of our Parish hall, and for stage 1 of this project our parishioners are invited to enter their name and contact number on the Pledging book starting from the first Sunday of Advent. Our Parish Office will then be in contact to settle payments in stage 2 from the beginning of 2026. The plaque installations will then proceed in stage 3 at the completion of the construction process. Please give your most generous support to this project a success story of our beloved Parish.

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.

A PRACTICAL TIP EACH WEEK TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION

TIP 10: Reverent Nature Walk

Go on a walk, paying a little more attention than usual to the trees, or the water, or a blade of grass. Take time to notice and admire. Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor speaks about this spiritual practice of paying attention in her book, "An Altar in the World."

More Parish News overpage....

PARISH NEWS CONTINUED...

OVER 50'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A gentle reminder that the over 50's Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 20th of November at Seven Hills RSL. Please arrive between 11am to 11.30am. For those who have not RSVP'd, Monday night will be the last opportunity. Please contact Don Kennedy 0418463168 or Christine Woodward 0411882295 ASAP.

MINISTRY ROSTER UPDATE

Roster Forms to update your latest contact information and availability to serve in various ministries for the next 6 months are now available at the back Sacristy, alternatively you can send or print a form from our OLOL Web Page under Parish Directory > Parish Forms. Please return by the 28th of November.

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.

THE GROTTTO: OLOL JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

A reminder that children aged 9-14yrs old are invited to join us for our junior youth group meeting this Sunday afternoon 16 November, in the Parish Meeting Room, 3.30pm till 6pm which includes the 5pm mass. Food Provided. For more information or to register please contact Diana Park via email dianap@olol7hills.com.au or search 'OLOL Youth Ministry' on Facebook.

OLOL 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.

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.

Working With Children Check Reminder

Here at OLOL Parish all our volunteers and staff have had a WWCC. It is important that your current WWCC number is renewed rather than applying for a new Check. If your WWCC is due to expire and you have not received an email from the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian, please contact the OCG for further information. NB: If you have forgotten your WWCC number or are unsure which email address your WWCC number is registered to, please contact the OCG on (02) 92867219.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

If missed any of the face to face training held at our parish, you can complete these modules independently at times convenient to you via <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>.

FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT (FGM) AT OLOL

The Divine Rainbow group will be visiting "Little India" (Harris Park) on Friday evening, 21-November. The group is looking forward to indulging in an array of delicious Indian street food. The Joyful Journey and Divine Rainbow family groups will jointly host the morning tea session after 9:30am mass on Sunday 30-November. This month marks the first anniversary of the Family Group Movement at OLOL. We warmly invite our parishioners to this event to hear of the amazing bond the families have built over the past 12 months.

WESTERN SYDNEY WOMEN'S INTHERFAITH INITIATIVE

Women of our parish are invited to join Western Sydney Women's InThERfaith Initiative and Afghan Women on the Move (AWOTM) for a hamper drive supporting local Afghan and multicultural women in need. Afghan women will visit the parish meeting room, Friday 28 November 11am till 12.30pm to share first-hand refugee and migrant stories of resilience, courage and hope, featuring a presentation by AWOTM founder Maryam Popal. Your donation of non-perishable goods demonstrates Catholic compassion and builds friendships across faiths and cultures. A box located at the back of the church can be found to place donations.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2026

New Columban 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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Positions Vacant

- Catholic Chaplain – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains
- Parish Secretary (permanent part-time)
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wentworthville

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

Bishop's Christmas Appeal – supporting Catholic Care Grief and Loss Counselling

Christmas is drawing near, and with it the promise that God is with us. For many in Western Sydney and Blue Mountains, that promise is needed right now. Many individuals and families are carrying grief, stress and uncertainty wrestling with the rising cost-of-living, unstable work and the heart-break of losing a loved one. Your generosity is the way to open the doors of hope for the broken hearted ensuring that no one in our community grieves alone. Please generously give at parracatholic.org/appeal Thank you.

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

POPE LEO'S ANGELUS

Brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

On the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, we contemplate the mystery of unity and communion with the Church of Rome, called to be the mother who cares for the journey of faith of Christians throughout the world. The Cathedral of the Diocese of Rome and the seat of Peter's successor, as we know, is not only a work of extraordinary historical, artistic and religious value, but it also represents the driving force of the faith entrusted to and preserved by the Apostles, and its transmission throughout history. The greatness of this mystery also shines forth in the artistic splendor of the building, which in its central nave houses the twelve large statues of the Apostles, the first followers of Christ and witnesses of the Gospel.

This points to a spiritual perspective, which helps us to go beyond the external appearance, to understand that the mystery of the Church is much more than a simple place, a physical space, a building made of stones. In reality, as the Gospel reminds us in the episode of Jesus' purification of the Temple in Jerusalem (cf. *Jn* 2:13-22), the true sanctuary of God is Christ who died and rose again. He is the only mediator of salvation, the only Redeemer, the One who, by uniting himself with our humanity and transforming us with his love, represents the door (cf. *Jn* 10:9) that opens wide for us and leads us to the Father.

United with him, we too are living stones of this spiritual edifice (cf. *1 Pet* 2:4-5). We are the Church of Christ, his body, his members called to spread his Gospel of mercy, consolation and peace throughout the world, through that spiritual worship that must shine forth above all in our witness of life.

Brothers and sisters, we must train our hearts to have this spiritual outlook. So often, the frailties and mistakes of Christians, together with many clichés and prejudices, prevent us from grasping the richness of the mystery of the Church. Her holiness, in fact, is not dependent upon our merits, but in the "gift of the Lord, never retracted," that continues to choose "as the vessel of its presence, with a paradoxical love, the dirty hands of men"

(J. Ratzinger, *Introduction to Christianity*, Brescia (2005), 331).

Let us walk then in the joy of being the holy People that God has chosen, and let us invoke Mary, Mother of the Church, to help us welcome Christ and accompany us with her intercession.

ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE "THE DIGNITY OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE"

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Peace be with you!

Good morning to all and welcome!

I extend my greetings to all of you who are taking part in this meeting on the dignity of children and adolescents in the age of artificial intelligence. I am grateful for your presence and for your valuable contributions.

Artificial intelligence is transforming many aspects of our daily lives, including education, entertainment and the safety of minors. Its use raises important ethical questions, especially concerning the protection of the dignity and wellbeing of minors.

Children and adolescents are particularly vulnerable to manipulation through AI algorithms that can influence their decisions and preferences. It is essential that parents and educators be aware of these dynamics, and that tools be developed to monitor and guide young people's interactions with technology.

Governments and international organizations have a responsibility to design and implement policies that protect the dignity of minors in this era of AI. This includes updating existing data protection laws to address new challenges posed by emerging technologies, and promoting ethical standards for the development and the use of AI.

Yet safeguarding the dignity of minors cannot be reduced to policies alone; it also requires a digital education. As my predecessor remarked regarding a safeguarding project promoted by three major Catholic associations in Italy, adults must rediscover their vocation as "artisans of education" and strive to be faithful to it.

It is indeed important to draft and enforce ethical guidelines, but that is not enough. What is needed are daily, ongoing educational efforts, carried out by adults who themselves are trained and supported by networks of collaboration. This process involves understanding the risks that both the use of AI and premature, unlimited and unsupervised digital

access may pose to the relationships and development of young people. Only by taking part in the discovery of such risks and the effects on their personal and social life, can minors be supported in approaching the digital world as a means of strengthening their ability to make responsible choices for themselves and for others.

This is, a vital exercise in safeguarding human originality and connectedness, which must always be guided by respect for human dignity as a fundamental value. By taking an educational, ethical and responsible approach can we ensure that artificial intelligence serves as an ally, and not a threat, in the growth and development of children and adolescents.

Dear friends, I wish you a fruitful conference, one that helps to lay a solid foundation for our ongoing service to children, young people, and to the entire ecclesial and civil community. Upon you, upon your work, I invoke the Lord's blessing.

Catechesis Cycle – Jubilee 2025: Jesus Christ Our Hope. 4. The Resurrection of Christ and the Challenges of today's world. 4. Easter spirituality animates fraternity. “Love One Another As I Have Loved You” (Cf. Jn 15:12)

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

To believe in the death and resurrection of Christ and to live paschal spirituality imbues life with hope and encourages us to invest in goodness. In particular, it helps us to love and nurture *fraternity*, which is without doubt one of the great challenges for contemporary humanity, as Pope Francis saw clearly.

Fraternity stems from something deeply human. We are capable of forming relationship and, if we want, we are able to build authentic bonds between us. Without relationships, which support and enrich us from the very beginning of our life, we would not be able to survive, grow or learn. They are manifold, varied in form and depth. But it is certain that our humanity is best fulfilled when we exist and live together, when we succeed in experiencing authentic, not formal, bonds with the people around us. If we turn in on ourselves, we risk falling ill with loneliness, and even a narcissism that is concerned with others only out of self-interest. The other is then reduced to someone from whom we can take, without ever being truly willing to give, to offer ourselves.

We are well aware that even today fraternity cannot be taken for granted, it is not immediate. Many conflicts, many wars all over the world, social tensions and feelings of hatred would seem to prove the opposite. However, fraternity is not a beautiful but impossible dream; it is not the desire of a deluded few. But to overcome the shadows that threaten it, we need to go to the source, and above all to draw light and strength from Him who alone frees us from the poison of enmity. The word “fraternity” derives from a very ancient root, which means to care for, to have at heart, to support and sustain. Applied to every human person, it becomes an appeal, an invitation. Often, we think that the role of a brother, a sister, refers to kinship, to being related, to being part of the same family. In truth, we know well how disagreement, division and sometimes hatred can devastate even relationships between relatives, not only between strangers.

This shows the need, more urgent today than ever, to reflect on the greeting with which Saint Francis of Assisi addressed everyone, regardless of their geographical, cultural, religious and doctrinal origins: *omnes fratres* was the inclusive way in which the Saint placed all human beings on the same level, precisely because he recognized them in their common destiny of dignity, dialogue, welcome and salvation. Pope Francis repropounded this approach of the *Poverello* of Assisi, emphasizing its relevance after eight hundred years, in the Encyclical *Fratelli tutti*.

That “*tutti*”, everyone, which meant for Saint Francis the welcoming sign of a universal fraternity, expresses an essential feature of Christianity, which ever since the beginning has been the proclamation of the Good News destined for the salvation of all, never in an exclusive or private form. This fraternity is based on Jesus’ commandment, which is new insofar as He accomplished it Himself, the superabundant fulfilment of the will of the Father: thanks to Him, who loved us and gave Himself for us, we can in turn love one another and give our lives for others, as children of the one Father and true brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

Jesus loved us up to the very end, says the Gospel of John (cf. 13:1). As the passion draws near, the Master knows well that his historical time is coming to an end. He fears what is about to happen; He experiences the most terrible torment and abandonment. His Resurrection, on the third day, is the beginning of a new history. And the disciples become fully brothers and sisters, after so much time of life spent together, not only when they live through the pain of the death of Jesus, but above all, when they recognize Him as the Risen One, receive the gift of the Spirit and become witnesses to Him.

Brothers and sisters support each other in hardship, they do not turn their back on those who are in need, and they weep and rejoice together in the active pursuit of unity, trust and mutual reliance. The dynamic is that which Jesus Himself gives to us: “Love one another as I have loved you” (cf. Jn 15:12). The fraternity given by Christ, who died and rose again, frees us from the negative logic of selfishness, division and arrogance, and restores to us our original vocation, in the name of a love and a hope that are renewed every day. The Risen One has shown us the way to journey with Him, to feel and to be “brothers and sisters all”.

Special greetings:

I greet the English speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today’s audience, in particular the groups from England, Ireland, Finland, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Australia, New Zealand, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, South Korea, Vietnam, Canada and the United States of America.

In this the month dedicated to the holy souls, our brothers and sisters who have gone before us in faith, hope and love, let us pray for the grace to be strengthened in our resolve to live well Jesus’ commandment of love, so that we may enjoy life everlasting with our Lord and with all the holy ones. May the peace and joy of Christ be with you all! God bless you.

Summary of the Holy Father’s words:

Dear brothers and sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Jesus our hope, today we consider human fraternity and Jesus’ commandment to love one another. Our lives are built upon many relationships, which we need in order to thrive. When our daily interactions with others are genuine rather than mere polite formalities, we grow in joy and in love. In this regard, Saint Francis of Assisi is an excellent example, for he greeted all whom he met as brother or sister.

Saint Francis knew that everyone has the same needs: to be respected, welcomed, heard and saved. Indeed, this is the Good News and a core tenet of our Christian faith. God’s saving love is for everyone, no exceptions.

Thus, Jesus commands us to imitate his love (cfr. Jn 15:12), so that we might become sons and daughters of our one Father. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we build bonds of unity and trust when we support each other and do not turn our backs on those in need. May the Lord free us from all selfishness and division and renew us in hope that we may faithfully imitate his generous love for all people.

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 'Christmas lunch' Thursday 20 November 2025, 11.30am
Seven Hills RSL. RSVP 14 Nov, Don Kennedy 0418463168

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		
16	The Grotto: OLOL Junior Youth Group Meeting	3.30pm
20	Over 50's Christmas Lunch	11.30am
28	Parish Volunteer's Dinner	6.30pm

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

15/16 November

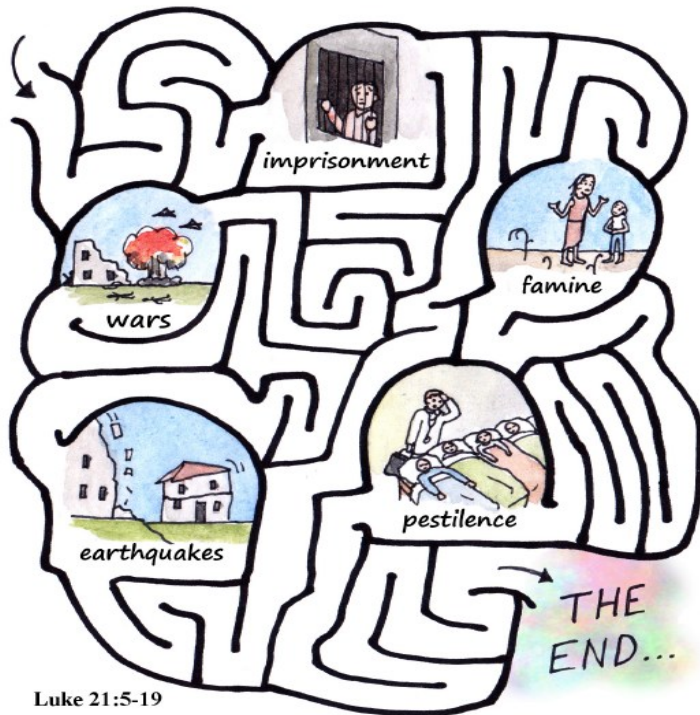
Acolytes	Vigil: Frank Paiva 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am: Rommel Lagare
Ministers	Vigil: D. Green, Jesse Franco 8am: J. Irudayaraj, J. Sarmiento 9.30am: M. Aquino, A. Walker
Readers	Vigil: Yxavel & Yxaak Dino 8am: J. Cabasa, B. Motha 9.30am: Z. Smith, F. Kennedy
Altar Servers	Vigil: G. Amaladass, S. Thoms, H. Winter 8am: Sub Rqd, J. Blackshaw 9.30am: J. Steele, A. Faulkner-Dhiman, A. Melki
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Parish Pastoral Council
Musicians	Vigil: K. Thoms & C.W 8am: Christine Clarke 9.30am: Maximilian Chorale
Flowers	Fennie, Angela & Raquel
Church Cleaning	26 Nov Jessie Borg Anne McNally Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Raul Nigli

22/23 November

Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am: Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil: M. Simic, N. Shami 8am: T. Perak, F. Paiva 9.30am: M. Michael, P. Gow
Readers	Vigil: A. Punch, N. Do Rosario 8am: A. McNally, J. Mai 9.30am: L. Rigney, C. Diaz
Altar Servers	Vigil: Leonaldo, Saoirse & Sebastian Costello 8am: Sub Req 9.30am: C. Attard, L. Sager, M. Stormer
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Couples for Christ
Musicians	Vigil: Nina's Group 8am: Christine Clarke 9.30am: Nina's Group
Flowers	Annette & Mary
Church Cleaning	4 Dec Lourdes Spiteri Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Ugre 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Georgina Basili

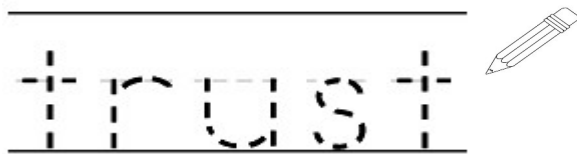
The Kids' Bulletin

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 16th, 2025



Luke 21:5-19

In today's Gospel reading Jesus told the people some of the things that were going to happen before the end of the world. You'll find them as you go through the maze!



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HEAR	BEAUTIFUL	WARS	FAMINE	PARENTS
REVOLUTIONS	NATION	HEAVEN	FRIGHTENED	TEMPLE
PRISON	DISCIPLES	TIME	SIGNS	FRIENDS
EARTHQUAKES	WATCH	RELATIVES	WORRY	BROTHERS
NEAR	STONES	KINGDOM	LIFE	GIFTS

Signs of the End of the Age

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid; for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; He also has become my salvation. Isaiah 12:2
Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. A building used for religious ceremonies or worship
A. gift B. prison C. life D. temple
- ___ 2. Something that is given without compensation
A. worry B. stone C. temple D. gift
- ___ 3. A piece of rock used in construction of the temple
A. wisdom B. stone C. life D. prison
- ___ 4. A country; a large group of people living in one area with their own government
A. nation B. prison C. gift D. fear
- ___ 5. A building where people are kept as a punishment
A. nation B. life C. prison D. fear
- ___ 6. A feeling of worry caused by something dangerous
A. worry B. fear C. nation D. prison
- ___ 7. To think about problems or unpleasant things that might happen
A. wisdom B. prison C. worry D. gift
- ___ 8. The period between birth and death
A. temple B. wisdom C. worry D. life
- ___ 9. To make good decisions based on knowledge and experience
A. wisdom B. gift C. worry D. prison
- ___ 10. Fighting between two or more countries
A. war B. prison C. fear D. temple

