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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, Rosita Ballecer, Joseph Grech, Sanjivan Gnanaratnam, Chandra Fernando, Tessie & Andy Mangine, Maria Mendonca, Anthony Laggan, Matilde Mifsud, Patria Molavin, Susan Nisda, Sam Raiti, Fay Russell, Rosemalar Sangarappilai, Forta Sultana, Ralph Vaz, Antionette Zarb.

Anniversaries: Leisle Abreo, Mary Alagiah, France Angseesing, Joseph Bartok, Carolina Borg, Blaise Costa, Frank, Silvia Debattista, M.A Fernando, Rienzie Fernando, Monte Franco, Stephen Gravina, Martha Joseph, Pietro Marra, A. Mansoor, Pauline Meilak, Sr Christina Morrissey RSJ, Charles Muscat, Tony Muscat, 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, 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, J.B, Jonathan Tek Kie, Mangion & Cini Family, Paul Michalef, 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, Gil & Angelita Opina, Romeo M. Palmos, Carol Anne Paterson, Lakshman Perera, Eustace Ratnam, John & Roseline Ratnam, Mary Silva, Sheadon Trek, 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

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.



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FIRST READING *A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9,12*

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**(R) The waters of the river gladden the city of God.**

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| 1. God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the
sea. (R.) | 3. The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the
earth. (R.) |
| 2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day. (R.) | |

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 3:9-11.16-17*

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord,
that my name may remain in it for all time.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 2:13-22*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'.

Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

The Gospel of the Lord.



From Fr. Henry

Dear friends,

Historically there was a devastating fire that took place in Rome under the reign of Nero in 64 and he blamed the Christians as arsonists who started it, consequently he ordered the execution of many Christians, including St Peter and St Paul. In the following year, he accused Plautinus Lateranus of plotting to get rid of him, then asked for his beheading and the confiscation of his home, the Lateran Palace, used by Nero himself and other Roman emperors in various ways for 250 years, until the conversion of Emperor Constantine.

In 312, Constantine took possession of the Lateran Palace and donated it to Pope Miltiades in the following year after issuing the Edict of Milan with Emperor Licinius. Pope Miltiades then began the construction of the basilica there, and upon its completion in 324, Pope Sylvester presided over its dedication as the church of the Bishop of Rome and gave it the name the 'House of God' with a special designation to Christ the Savior.

Though the basilica was first dedicated to Christ the Savior, in the 10th century Pope Sergius III added a new baptistry and rededicated the basilica to Saint John the Baptist. Then in the 12th century, Pope Lucius II dedicated the basilica to Saint John the Evangelist. As a result, the basilica honours Christ the Savior first and the two Saint Johns as co-patrons. This Basilica, however, was destroyed several times over the centuries, and always rebuilt. Then the final reconstruction took place under the pontificate of Benedict XIII.

The church was rededicated in 1724 as the ecclesiastical Mother church, 'the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world'. It was at that time that the feast celebrated today was established and extended to the universal Church as a sign of love and union with the See of Peter.

In the Gospel for this feast day, the evangelist told us about how Jesus burst into anger when he saw the merchants misuse the Temple of Jerusalem by turning it into a market. He made a whip out of some cord to chase all of them out the Temple, and also used the opportunity to foretell of his coming Passion, Death and Resurrection by telling them, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' They took his words literally and began to argue with him, they, in fact, completely failed to decode his symbolic message, which the disciples came to know after his Resurrection, and helped strengthen their faith in him.

Today let us celebrate the long history of the Lateran Basilica and its symbolism as a sign of our love and union with the Pope, the Bishop of Rome, let us give praise and thanks to God for the gifts of so many people who dedicated their possessions, times and talents to bring it to fulfillment over the centuries. Then on a personal level, let us ask the Lord to help us always mindful of our duty to look after ourselves as the temples of God as St Paul reminds us in the second reading, and on a local level, let us pray that the Lord will keep us always strong and united in supporting our Parish both ministerially by means of our participation in various ministries and financially through the weekly Second collection much needed for our church maintenance.

Have a Church- oriented 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.

A PRACTICAL TIP EACH WEEK TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION

TIP 9: Food Pantry

Volunteer at your local food pantry! Especially during the holiday season, your help is appreciated. Help fight hunger while reducing food waste!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Pastoral Council members are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday 12th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting room.

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.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS 5PM

Next Sunday the 16th of November, we have our additional mass at 5.00pm. It is an opportunity for our parishioners, especially the young ones to attend Mass on Sunday.

THE GROTTA: OLOL JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

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

OVER 50'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The over 50's Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 20th of November at Seven Hills RSL. Please arrive between 11am to 11.30am. Cost is \$32 payable on the day. If you have not yet RSVP'd, please contact Don Kennedy 0418463168 or Christine Woodward 0411882295 by next Friday the 14th of November. We hope you'll join us!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY—CHRISTMAS STORY

With Christmas fast approaching, we invite children aged 5 to 12 years old to participate in the presentation of the "Christmas Story" Wednesday 24th December, 6pm Mass. Practice will take place during Sunday 9.30am Mass in the Children's Liturgy (16th Nov, 7th & 21st Dec). For further information and to RSVP please take a note from the table at the back Sacristy or contact the parish office.

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

- Catholic Chaplain – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

Rosary Making Workshops throughout November

Come along for a fun day of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The craft days and evenings will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown on the following days.

- Monday 10 November from 10am to 11:30am
- Monday 10 November from 1pm to 2:30pm
- Tuesday 11 November from 7pm to 8:30pm
- Tuesday 18 November from 7pm to 8:30pm

Costs are \$10 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops

New 2026 Academic Scholarship Opportunity

Nagle College Blacktown is now offering a limited number of Academic Scholarships for Year 7 students commencing in 2026. These scholarships are intended to recognise the exceptional academic promise and help make an excellent Catholic secondary girls' education more accessible to all families. Please review the eligibility criteria and application process on the school website as soon as possible. Learn more here: <https://www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au/nagle-scholarship>.

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

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

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

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.

Annual Bishop Vincent Vatican II Lecture: 12 November (NOTE: CHANGE IN LOCATION)

How does Vatican II continue to inform the work of synodal church? Recently back from meeting Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Vincent will unpack his annual lecture on Vatican II on Wednesday 12 November, 6:30pm – 8:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. Register for limited seating and share with others via <https://tr.ee/xzetr5kVI> OR get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

Registrations now open for Diocesan Retreat Opportunities

The Diocese is hosting one final retreat opportunity for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the time to step away from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat – a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Registrations are now open for the final retreat on 15 November. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/> for more details.

Diocesan Advent Week Scripture Reflection Evening: 26 November

What way would you say I'm 'awaiting' God's presence this Advent? How do I see myself in Advent Scripture stories? To register for the Diocesan Advent Scripture Reflection Evening w/ Dr Debra Snoddy on Wednesday 26 November 2025 6:30PM to 8:30pm. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-advent-scripture-night-26-november/> or pls email met@parracatholic.org

Harassment, Discrimination and Bullying

Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hills Parish strives to achieve a healthy and safe workplace by addressing the issue of harassment, discrimination and workplace bullying. LOL will not tolerate any form of harassment, discrimination or bullying in the workplace including sexual harassment. Any volunteer who is found to have acted in such a manner may have their voluntary role terminated. If you think bullying or harassment is happening, you can talk to:

- Your supervisor/Parish Priest;
- The Office of Safeguarding; or
- The Chancery's Human Resources department.

Supporting the Safety of Our Community

We all have a role to play in safeguarding those who are vulnerable. Concerns about safeguarding may be referred to Fr Henry, our Parish Priest, or directly to the: Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards Ph (02) 8838 3419 or via Email: safeguarding@parracatholic.org.



POPE LEO'S ANGELUS

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday! In these first days of November, the resurrection of the crucified Jesus from the dead sheds light on the destiny of each one of us. For he told us: "This is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day" (Jn 6:39). Thus, the focus of God's concerns is clear: that no one should perish forever and that everyone should have their own place and radiate their unique beauty. This is the mystery that we celebrated yesterday on the Solemnity of All Saints: a communion of differences that, so to speak, extends God's life to all his children who wish to share in it. It is the desire written in the heart of every human being, a longing for recognition, attention and joy. As Pope Benedict XVI explained, the expression "eternal life" gives a name to this insuppressible expectation: not a succession of time without end, but being so immersed in an ocean of infinite love that time, before, and after no longer exist. This fullness of life and joy in Christ is what we hope for and await with all our being (cf. Encyclical Letter *Spe Salvi*, 12). Today's Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed brings this mystery even closer to us. Indeed, each time that death seems definitively to take away a voice, a face or an entire world, interiorly we understand God's concern that no one perish. In fact, each person is an entire world. Today, then, is a day that challenges the human memory, so precious and yet so fragile. Without the memory of Jesus – of his life, death and resurrection – the immense treasure of daily life risks being forgotten. In the mind of Jesus, however, even those whom no one remembers, or whom history seems to have erased, always remain in their infinite dignity. Jesus, the rock which the builders rejected, is now the cornerstone (cf. Acts 4:11). That is the Easter proclamation. For this reason, Christians always remember the deceased in every Eucharist, and still today ask that those dear to them be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer. From this proclamation arises the hope that no one will perish. May visiting the cemetery, where silence interrupts the hustle and bustle of life, invite us all to remember and to wait in hope. As we say in the Creed: "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." Let us commemorate, the future, for we are not enclosed in the past or in sentimental tears of nostalgia. Neither are we sealed within the present, as in a tomb. May the familiar voice of Jesus reach us, and reach everyone, because it is the only one that comes from the future. May he call us by name, prepare a place for us, free us from that sense of helplessness that tempts us to give up on life. May Mary, the woman of Holy Saturday, teach us once again to hope.

POPE LEO XIV

Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025: Jesus Christ our hope. 4. The Resurrection of Christ and the challenges of the contemporary world. 3. Easter gives hope to everyday life

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning, and welcome to you all! The Pasch of Jesus is an event that does not belong to a distant past, now settled into tradition like so many other episodes in human history. The Church teaches to make a living remembrance of the Resurrection every year on Easter Sunday and every day in the Eucharistic celebration, during which the promise of the risen Lord is most fully realized: "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Mt 28:20). For this reason, the Paschal Mystery is the cornerstone of Christian life, around which all other events revolve. We can say, then, without any irenicism or sentimentality, that every day is Easter. In what way? Hour by hour, we have so many different experiences: pain, suffering, sadness, intertwined with joy, wonder, serenity. Through every situation, the human heart longs for fullness, a profound happiness. A great twentieth-century philosopher, St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, born Edith Stein, who delved deeply into the mystery of the human person, reminds us of this dynamism of the constant search for fulfilment. "The human being", she writes, "always longs to have being given to him anew, so that he can draw on what the moment gives him and at the same time takes away from him" (*Finite and Eternal Being: An Attempt to Ascend to the Meaning of Being*, Rome 1998, 387). We are immersed in limitation, but we also strive to surpass it. The Paschal proclamation is the most beautiful, joyful and overwhelming news that has ever resounded in all of history. It is the quintessential "Gospel", which attests to the victory of love over sin and of life over death, and this is why it is the only thing capable of satisfying the demand for meaning that troubles our minds and our hearts. Human beings are inspired by an inner movement, striving towards a beyond that attracts them. No contingent reality satisfies us. We tend towards the infinite and the eternal. This contrasts with the experience of death, anticipated by suffering, loss, and failure. As Saint Francis sings, "nullu homo vivente po skampare" ("no living man can escape") from death (cf. *Canticle of the Sun*). Everything changes thanks to that morning when the women had gone to the tomb to anoint the body of the Lord, and found it empty. The question posed by the Magi who came from the East to Jerusalem: "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?" (Mt 2:1-2), finds its definitive answer in the words of the mysterious youth dressed in white, who speaks to the women at Easter dawn: "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here" (Mk 16:6). From that morning until today, every day, Jesus will also have this title: the Living One, as He presents himself in Revelation: "I am the First and the Last, and the Living One: I died, and behold I am alive for evermore" (Rev 1:17-18). And in Him, we have the assurance of always being able to find the lodestar towards which we can direct our seemingly chaotic lives, marked by events that often appear confusing, unacceptable, incomprehensible: evil in its many forms, suffering, death, events that affect each and every one of us. Meditating on the mystery of the Resurrection, we find an answer to our thirst for meaning.

Faced with our fragile humanity, the Paschal proclamation becomes care and healing, nourishing hope in the face of the frightening challenges that life presents us with every day on a personal and global level. In the perspective of Easter, the Via Crucis, the Way of the Cross, is transfigured into the Via Lucis, the Way of Light. We need to savour and meditate on the joy after the pain, to retrace in the new light all the stages that preceded the Resurrection.

Easter does not eliminate the cross, but defeats it in the miraculous duel that changed our human history. Even our time, marked by so many crosses, invokes the dawn of Paschal hope. Christ's Resurrection is not an idea, a theory, but the Event that is the foundation of faith. He, the Risen One, through the Holy Spirit, continues to remind us of this, so that we can be His witnesses even where human history does not see light on the horizon. Paschal hope does not disappoint. To believe truly in the Pasch through our daily journey means revolutionizing our lives, being transformed in order to transform the world with the gentle and courageous power of Christian hope.

POPE LEO XIV TO YOUNG PEOPLE

By Isabella H. de Carvalho

In prepared remarks consigned to members of the International Youth Advisory Body (IYAB), Pope Leo encourages young people to focus on synodality, mission, and participation in order to counter isolation, be close to Christ, and help the Church reach out to those on the margins.

The Holy Father on Friday chose to speak extemporaneously with IYAB, a body linked to the Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life that aims to bring the perspective of young people to the Holy See on various issues central to the Church's mission. Since Tuesday, the IYAB has been meeting in Rome to reflect on topics that affect young Catholics, with the three themes of synodality, mission, and participation as the focus of their discussions.

In his prepared remarks, Pope Leo writes to the members of IYAB, "You represent many of your peers, and through you, they also can 'speak' to the Church." He assured them, "Your voice is heard and taken seriously. Your presence and contribution are invaluable."

In the social media age, do not live your faith in isolation

Pope Leo emphasized that for young people, "the synodal Church" can be "a challenge, a catalyst", as "it encourages them not to live their faith in isolation", especially in the social media and digital age.

He recognized that "in recent years, many young people have approached the faith through social media, successful programs, and popular online Christian witnesses."

However, he warned that "the danger" with this "is that a faith discovered online is limited to individual experiences, which may be intellectually and emotionally reassuring, but are never 'embodied'." This means it remains "detached from the 'ecclesial body'" and not "lived alongside others in real-life situations, relationships or sharing."

"All too often, social media algorithms merely create a sounding board for individuals, picking up on personal preferences and tastes, and 'sending them back' magnified and enriched with appealing proposals," he continued. "Yet, everyone remains alone with themselves, prisoners of their own inclinations and projections".

For the Pope, the antidote to this danger can be "experiences of lived synodality" which help "overcome the barriers of the self and encourage young people to become effective members of the family of Jesus Christ".

Help the Church hear the voice of the weak and the poor

The Pope also pointed out that young people in a synodal Church are also "called to speak on behalf of their peers," especially "the weak, the poor, and the lonely, refugees and those who struggle to integrate into society, or to access educational opportunities."

"All too often, these voices are drowned out by the noise of the powerful, the successful and those who live in 'exclusive' realities," he reflected.

A synodal Church wants "to listen to what the Holy Spirit says to young people" and "welcome their charisms, the gifts that are specific to their age and their sensibilities," the Pope insisted.

Synodality, he added, helps show that, "in the image of the Holy Trinity, the Church is also a communion of persons, of the faithful of every age, language, nationality, who journey together, enriching one another and sharing their spiritual gifts."

Look beyond appearances, be leaders of creativity and courage

The Pope then highlighted how "authentic synodality" is guided by the Holy Spirit and thus it "leads to mission." "It is not a question of the rules governing meetings. Instead, it is about making room for God's action by listening to the Spirit," he wrote, adding that the Holy Spirit always leads to "Jesus, who is the Truth."

In order to discern, "in every age, how to bring the Gospel to everyone", Pope Leo encouraged young people to "have open hearts, ready to listen both to the 'inspirations' of the Spirit and the deep 'aspirations' of each person."

"You must look beyond appearances in order to seek the true answers that give meaning to life," he emphasized. "You must have hearts that are open to God's call and not engrossed in your own plans, and are willing to understand and sympathize before forming judgements".

"The concept of mission also entails freedom from fear, because the Lord loves to call us to forge new paths," he continued, urging young people to be "leaders of creativity and courage."

Participation in the Church comes from spirituality, not ideology or politics

The Pope thanked the group of young people for their work, "which will provide new energy and momentum to the missionary heart of the Church." He pointed out that the IYAB is part of a wider spiritual youth movement, which includes World Youth Day and regular youth ministries, and thus "keeps the Church forever young."

In this regard, Pope Leo XIV stressed the importance for this group of young people to, "above all," recognize that they are participating in the life and universal mission of the Church, directed at men and women all over the world.

"Where does authentic ecclesial participation come from? I would say that it stems from being close to the Heart of Christ. Its origin, then, is spiritual, not ideological or political," he wrote.

The Pope in fact urged the members of IYAB, to look upon the young people of our time and their "hopes, dreams, and difficulties" with "Christ's same compassion and try to envisage how the Church, inspired by faith, can go out to meet them."

Be concerned for the suffering of others

He explained how, in the Gospel, Christ looks beyond "the small circle of disciples in front of Him", as He desires that His message of salvation, unity of faith, and mutual love should reach "all people, including those who are far away and those who will come in the future."

"The Lord always carries the whole world in His heart. This is the source of participation," the Pope continued.

He thus invited the young people to become Jesus' "friends through prayer, the Sacraments, and daily life" in order to "begin to feel as He feels". This means to be "concerned for, and touched by, the suffering of others, their needs and aspirations" and it gives "rise to the desire to participate, to be part of the Church's universal mission".

"This involvement is also a sign of human and spiritual maturity," he wrote. "While children are only concerned with their own needs, mature persons know how to share the problems of others and make them their own," Pope Leo continued, encouraging the group of young people to "immerse" themselves in Christ.

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 Thursday 20 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](#) 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		
12	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
16	The Grotto: OLOL Junior Youth Group Meeting	3.30pm
21	Over 50's Christmas Lunch	11.30am

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

8/9 November

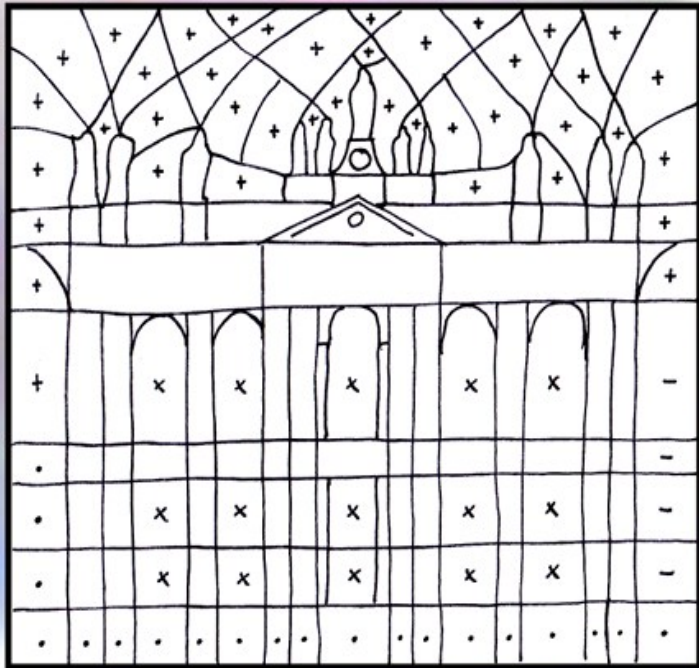
Acolytes	Vigil: Daniel La Guidara 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am: Ryan Epondulan
Ministers	Vigil: L. La Guidara, M. Mifsud 8am: L. Fernandes, F. Paiva 9.30am: A. Han, G. Basili
Readers	Vigil: R. Saldanha, A. Pushparajan 8am: K. Walker, P. Ferriols 9.30am: L. Rigney, N. Arambulo
Altar Servers	Vigil: A. La Guidara, C. La Guidara, C. Bellamin 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Sub Rqd, N. D'Cruz
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults Group
Musicians	Vigil: Christine Clarke 8am: Fr Henry 9.30am: Tongan Choir
Flowers	Claudette & Siani
Church Cleaning	20 Nov Cathy Hutchings Annette Peatman Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Volunteer 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Volunteer

15/16 November

Acolytes	Vigil: Lawrence Falzon 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: A. Faulkner-Dhiman, J. Blackshaw 9.30am: J. Steele, Sub Rqd, 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

The Kids' Bulletin

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
November 9, 2025



Today is the feast of the dedication of the Pope's cathedral, the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome.

A cathedral is the main church of a diocese.

All Catholics belong to the Pope's diocese.

Do you know what the Pope's cathedral looks like?

Use the code to colour in the spaces and find out!

• grey x black
+ blue - brown

In these drawings of Jesus cleansing the Temple, can you find 10 things that are different?



Cleaning House

So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. John 2:15 (NIV)

Based on John 2:13-16 (NIV)



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TEMPLE	COURTS	DOVES	SHEEP	CATTLE
TIME	MARKET	CHANGERS	JEWISH	MONEY
SELLING	HOUSE	TABLES	WHIP	CORDS

