

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

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Let us Pray for the Sick

Anna, Florence Arinanan, Lorenzo Balabat, Max Barrett, Luigi Bertinato, Irene Cabasa, Alma Caguimbal, Mary Camilleri, Joyce Cassar, John Crowther, Lawrence Charles, Hoa Chau, Mary Cortis, Pandora Crew, Emilio Cruz, Lucretia Deang, James Debattista, Christian Detera, Ben Dixon, Para Dias, Lucia Fernando, Renuka Fernando, Philippe Honore, Odette James, Mary Jordan, Takis Karapatsakis, Theresa Marini, Sandra & Kenny Mahoney, Susie Manga, Melissa Mead, Blago Milicevic, Ruben Mina, Zeferino Jayson Morales, Gary Morrissey, Yvo Periera, Michelle Pellicano, Maricar Poblete, Debra Price, Camy Ratnam, Arabella Steele, Sue Tipaldo, Chandra Sampantham, Caroline Stevenson, Vivian Tomines, Chris Wikkramatilake, Natalie Woodward, Rose White.

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@lol7hills.com.au
We can also arrange for Holy Communion or a visit if required.

Let us Pray for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Gerry Fernandes, Judith Kuestler, Salvatore Marra, James Muscat, Kulaseeli Perera, Daphne Perumal, Roselyne & Erwin Schultzer, Carlos Snr.

Anniversaries: T.F Augustine, Stella Cini, Mary Camenzuli, Jacqueline & Edmond Clarisse, Marcel Diab, Georgina Falzon, Mark Falzon, Monte Franco, Agostino Fantin, Louisa Fernando, Ngan Siu Eng, Teodora Garcia, Manuel Jacob Gomez, Helen Hili, Cameron Jones, David Joseph, Michael Kolosa, Shaena Landagan, Norma Lorenzo, Felina Maglaya, River August Maglaya, Pietro Marra, Albert Moroney, Irene Moroney, Charles Muscat, Jason Muscat, Gladys Salvia, Jacintha Noronha, Colleen O'Sullivan, Daisy & Max Quenette, Marcel Spetter, Sem Serna, Ben Wijitr Benjabutr, Jason Muscat, Tony Muscat, Felix & Andreanna Muscat.

Remembrance: France Angseesing, Frank & Fortunata Baiada, Peter & Helen Bonnici, Genaro Borden, Antonio, Amelia & Germana Bertimato, Sam Borg, Carmela Carbone, Peter & Antonio, Frank, Maurice & Joseph Camenzuli and Camenzuli Family, Mary Camilleri, Joseph, Lim Cho, Maria Dalgado, Modsen Diab, Toufic Diab, Debe Diab, Bede Diab, Sam & Silvia Debattista, Emerenciana Dizon, Anacleto Dizon, Carmen, Jimmy, Antonia, Tania, Tony, Vicki, Louie, Joe & Lancer De Guire, Edmundo Deloso, Maximilian & Julian Epondulan, Jerome Fernandes, Joseph & Carmena Formosa, Evangeline & Leandro Garcia Snr, Jose Garcia, Mario & Joe Gat, Constance Gaycroft, Francisco Giusa, Salatori Giogio, Muriel Jordan, Jeffrey Hunter, Selvam Irudayaraj, Anthony Janicska, J.B, Jonathan Tek Kie, Klare Kinsley, Rosine Lafleur, Mangion & Cini Family, Tessie & Andy Mangine, Maureen & John Mead, Pauline Meilak, Sashin Patrick Manamperi, Joseph & Doris Mifsud, Mary Mifsud, Wiliam & Emelia Mifsud, Bertu, Albert, Paul, Louis, Stephen & Joseph Mula and Mula Family, Anton & Lourda Motha, Mary & Francis Muscat, Jason Muscat & family, Jim & Philippa Muscat, Josephine Muscat, Falzon & Muscat families, Leo Ngan, Brian & Lillian Oliver, Eamon & John O'Sullivan, Eustace Ratnam, John & Roseline Ratnam, Chuling Sabale, Cua Sing, John Spiteri, T. Thenmoli, Tony Vassollo, Shane Vaz, Josephine & Alison Vella, Jim Vella, Prescila Villanueva, 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.

FIRST READING *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the first holy gospel according to John 20:19-23*

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven:

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



FROM FR. HENRY

Dear friends,

Our birthday is a very important day for us, and we love to celebrate it. Some of us would be very upset if our loved ones may happen to forget the occasion. In this context, this Sunday has to be very important for us, since it is the birthday of all Christian Churches, especially our Catholic Church. It is the day we celebrate the event marking the formal descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of tongues of fire upon the Apostles, as narrated by the writer of the first reading today.

The Apostles, as we know, were gathered inside the room and the Holy Spirit came down upon them. They were miraculously transformed into fearless men capable of doing great things to bear witness to their beloved Lord, such as speaking in various tongues to connect with people from different cultural backgrounds who were present in Jerusalem for the celebration of the Pentecost that year – so they could understand what the Apostles preached in their own languages. Epistemologically speaking, Pentecost is a Greek word meaning ‘the fiftieth day’. It was a Jewish feast day also known as the feast of Weeks celebrated 50 days after Jewish Passover. In the Gospel reading, the evangelist recounted Jesus’ appearance to the disciples who were fearfully gathered in a room in the evening of the first Easter Sunday. He greeted them twice with these words – ‘peace be with you’, and showed them the wounded parts of his body. This was probably meant to verify his true identity as the real Jesus.

After his second greeting, Jesus commissioned the disciples to go out to bear witness to him just like the Father sent him with the mission to save us. ‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you,’ said Jesus, and he then breathed on them the Holy Spirit and entrusted to them the power to forgive sins. Keep in mind the significance of the act of “breathing”. In the Bible, it was considered as the means often used by God to transmit life to his created beings. For instance, the book of Genesis tells us the account about how God gave life to the first man by breathing into his nostrils (2.7), and Ezekiel talks about his dream in which a valley of dry bones comes to life with the breath of God (Eze 37.1-14). Here we are encouraged to interpret Jesus’ “breathing” in today’s Gospel as an act to give new life to the Church through the disciples. Consequently, they became fully empowered to be sent out as his committed witnesses, regardless of the hostile world out there which they were so scared of facing just moments earlier.

Though St Paul names the fruits of the Holy Spirit as ‘charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity,’ (Gal 5.22-23), our Church tradition always regards Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord as the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Let us give praise and thanks to Jesus today for giving us his Spirit and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to renew his gifts in each one of us, helping us become more aware of our call to be witnesses to Jesus, no matter where we live and to fulfill our witnessing call, the best we can.

Have a Holy Spirit awareness week,

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

NEW ALTAR SERVERS – INSTALLATION & CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our new Altar Servers who will be formally installed to serve as junior ministers of the Altar at the **9.30AM Mass on Pentecost Sunday 24 May**. On behalf of the parish, I would like to thank them for their generosity in volunteering their time to serve the Lord, and pray that their love for Jesus will continue to grow stronger day by day through their closeness to the Lord at Mass.

REPORT FROM THE INAUGURAL IT MINISTRY MEETING

A meeting was held on 20-May to kick-off this initiative. IT experts from our Parish community were in attendance. The team has a great mix of skilled analysts/designers, developers and testers. It was agreed that our initial area of focus would be to streamline our website. We also discussed updating our social media platform (Facebook), the potential to leverage AI and development of an app. These items will be prioritised as we progress. A second meeting had been arranged on 27-May to keep up the momentum. We welcome others to join.

LOL MINISTRY ROSTER UPDATE — AUG-JAN

We will shortly commence generating the new roster for all ministries for the period August 2026 - January 2027. Please fill out the form at the rear of the church if you would like to join a ministry or if your contact details, mass serving times or availability dates have changed. Forms can also be downloaded from the LOL website and need to be submitted by 14-June.

PARISH BIN ROSTER - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are seeking volunteers to assist 4 times a year to place the Parish bins on the kerbside (Grantham Road) once a week on Tuesday. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help out. *Thank you.*

LOURDES PLAYGROUP

Playgroup has resumed for 2026 for a Friday. 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 ‘*Lourdes Play Group*’ or contact Maria on 0432 174 056.

BISHOP’S GOOD WORKS APPEAL

Thank you all very much for supporting the Bishop’s Good Works appeal. For those who missed out on the opportunity to contribute last weekend, please use the appeal envelopes for your donation this weekend and place it in the collection plates.

HALL CANOPY UPDATE

Construction work of the steel columns is ongoing. This will be followed by the installation of the roof. During this period, our upper carpark will be closed. Consequently, our weekday Mass attendees will need to park their vehicles in the lower carpark and walk to the Church. We look forward to your cooperation and apologise for any inconvenience during this time.

PLANNED GIVING 2026/27 ENVELOPES

Thank you to all 2nd Collection givers for 2025/26. We will be ordering our envelopes for the next financial year shortly and would like to make sure all our details are correct. If you need to change address or bank details or if your family would like to join our planned giving for the next year please contact the Parish Office on 9622 2920 or complete a New Parishioner Form and we can include you. We appreciate the generosity by all our Parishioners.

More Parish news continued overpage...

PARISH NEWS CONTINUED...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE SEPTEMBER 2026

Those interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar, the next intake for Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be in September. Enrolment forms are at the back sacristy.

PLEDGE BOOK FOR HALL CANOPY PLAQUE

Thank you to those who signed the Pledge Book for the Hall Canopy Plaque, and for those who wish to sign, this book is located at the Baptismal font. Please register your name, phone number and accurate details on the plaque of 25 letters or less. A leaflet is also available for all to take home to further explain the Plaque Fundraising program.

CHURCH HALL CANOPY RAFFLE

We have started to sell raffle tickets to help fundraise for the canopy construction and tickets continue to be on sale after all Masses in the Church foyer this weekend and the coming ones till 16th August this year, please help to buy the tickets as much as you can, and for those who wish to help distribute the tickets amongst family circles, please feel free to approach the seller on duty and register names and number of books on the record book.

CHURCH HALL CANOPY RAFFLE

1st Prize: Samsung 85" Smart TV – 2nd Prize: \$800 Cash
3rd Prize: \$500 Cash – 4th Prize: \$200 Cash

The raffle will be drawn at the end of the 9.30AM Mass on Sunday 16th August 2026, and we would really appreciate it if you could help buy the tickets or take a few ticket books home to distribute amongst family circles. Many thanks.

PLAQUE PAYMENT

Parishioners who have pledged a plaque are kindly asked to make the \$300 payment online and then email the EFT remittance to secretary@lol7hills.com.au with your plaque wording (MUST be 25 letters or less).

Banking details below:

Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.

BSB: 067 950

ACC: 000552

REF: (your surname) PLAQUE

Alternatively, please contact the parish office during office hours, Tues-Fri 9am-3pm. Thank you for your support.

OLOL SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities for May 2026

There are face-to-face Safeguarding Training opportunities available throughout May at different parishes. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For further information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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>.

Visiting Clergy to OLOL

All visiting Clergy to our Church, uphold the standards and processes here, at OLOL and the Diocese of Parramatta have put in place to ensure the safety of our Community.

Illness

As we move through the colder seasons, you should absent yourself from your voluntary activity if you are unwell with an illness (e.g. cold or flu) to ensure that the health of others is not compromised.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Positions Vacant:

- Housekeeper Supervisor – Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park
- Parish Secretary – St Monica's Catholic Church, Richmond

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession: 4 June

This year, for the Feast of Corpus Christi the Diocese of Parramatta and the Maronite Eparchy are coming together for a vibrant Eucharistic Procession from Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral to St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday 4 June at 6pm. If you would like to get involved or more information about the event, contact Fr Tom Green, Assistant Parish Priest at Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown.

Ministry of Care courses: 3-24 June

Those who visit the sick and are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and in Homes are invited to attend this course on the Ministry of Care. The course will take place every Wednesday in June at 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Please register via parracatholic.org/ministry-of-care-courses to reserve your spot. For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Stand Up – CHARIS Australia National Conference 2026: 11-13 June

Join Catholics from across Australia for a powerful weekend of renewal in the Holy Spirit and discovering your charisms. Featuring Dr Mary Healy, Bishop Tony Percy, Fr Chris Ryan MGL, Dr Katherine Ruonala and more. 11–13 June 2026 Servants of Jesus Community, 15 Park Rd, Seven Hills NSW For details/register: www.charisaustralia.org.au/2026-national-conference

Holy Hour for Vocations at Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills: 2 July

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration with the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. An hour with Jesus in prayer followed by a fellowship at 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Seven Hills. All are warmly welcome.

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.

Photography

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.

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.

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

In many countries throughout the world, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated today. The image of Jesus – lifted up from the earth and ascending toward heaven, as the Bible states (cf. Acts 1:1-11) – may cause us to think about this Mystery as a distant event from long ago. Yet this is not so, for we are united to Jesus as the members of one body united to the head. By ascending into heaven, then, he draws us with him toward full communion with the Father. In this regard, Saint Augustine said, “the head’s advance is the hope of the members” (Sermon 265, 1.2).

Indeed, Christ’s entire life is a movement of ascent. Through his humanity, he embraces and involves the whole world, elevating and redeeming human beings from their sinful condition. He thus brings light, forgiveness and hope where previously there was darkness, injustice and desperation, in order that men and women may attain the definitive Easter victory, in which the Son of God, by dying “has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life” (Preface I of Easter). The Ascension, therefore, does not speak to us of a distant promise, but of a living bond, which draws us also toward heavenly glory, already elevating and expanding our horizon in this life and directing our way of thinking, feeling and acting more closely to the measure of God’s heart.

Moreover, in this path of ascent, we recognize the way (cf. Jn 14:1-6). Indeed, we find it in Jesus – in the gift of his life, his example and his teachings. We also see it marked out for us by the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints: those whom the Church offers as universal role models. Pope Francis also liked to speak of the saints “next door” (cf. Apostolic Exhortation *Guadete et Exsultate*, 7), with whom we live in our daily lives: fathers, mothers, grandparents, people of every age and condition, who, with joy and commitment, make the effort to live sincerely according to the Gospel. With them, with their support and thanks to their prayer, we too can learn to ascend day by day toward heaven.

As Saint Paul says, we must focus on whatever is true, just and loveable (cf. Phil 4:8), and put into practice, with God’s help, all that we have “heard and seen” (v. 9). In this way, the divine life, which we received in Baptism and which constantly draws us to the heights, toward the Father, can grow in and around us and spread the precious fruits of communion and peace in the world.

May Mary, the Queen of Heaven, who illuminates and guides us in every moment, support us on our path.

After the *Regina Caeli* prayer:

Dear brothers and sisters,

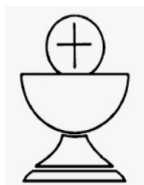
In many countries, World Communications Day is being marked today, whose theme this year I have chosen as “Preserving Human Voices and Faces.” In this era of artificial intelligence, I encourage everyone to commit themselves to promoting forms of communication that always respect the truth of the human person, on which every technological innovation should be focused.

From today until next Sunday, Laudato Si’ Week is taking place, dedicated to the care of creation and inspired by Pope Francis’ Encyclical. In this jubilee year of Saint Francis of Assisi, we recall his message of peace with God, with our brothers and sisters, and with all creatures. Sadly, in recent years, due to wars, progress in this direction has been greatly impeded. Therefore, I encourage the members of the Laudato Si’ Movement and all who promote an integral ecology to renew their commitment. Indeed, caring for peace is caring for life!

I greet all of you, dear faithful of Rome and pilgrims from various countries. In particular, I welcome several marching bands from Germany, the “Sant’Anton di u Monti” Confraternity from Ajaccio, and the group of students from the University of Montana in the United States of America.

I greet the young people from Oppido Mamertina, the youth leaders from Lorenzaga in the Diocese of Concordia-Pordenone, and the Confirmation candidates from the Archdiocese of Genoa.

I wish all of you a happy Sunday.



POPE LEO: HOLY SPIRIT RECEIVED AT CONFIRMATION GIVES US STRENGTH TO FOLLOW JESUS

By Devin Watkins

As around 1,000 young Catholics from the Archdiocese of Genoa in northern Italy made a pilgrimage to Rome, Pope Leo XIV met with them on Saturday to encourage their desire to follow Christ. The young people have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, which completes the sacraments of initiation and seals the baptized person with the gift of the Holy Spirit. In his off-the-cuff remarks, Pope Leo said one of the greatest joys of every Bishop is the opportunity to celebrate Confirmations, since it is “truly the gift of the Holy Spirit.” “It is very beautiful to receive this Sacrament,” he said, “because the fullness of the Holy Spirit gives us enthusiasm, strength, and the ability to follow Jesus Christ, to say “Yes” to the Lord always, and not to be afraid to follow courageously, to live the faith in a world that so often wants to lead us far from Jesus.”

He noted that next Sunday, May 24, marks Pentecost Sunday, when the Church recalls the experience of the first disciples, who received the Holy Spirit and began to proclaim the love of God. Each of the Confirmands, said the Pope, is called to be a participant in the Church’s mission and is sent to their friends and families to bear witness to the “Spirit who lives in us.” Just as Confirmation marks a great joy for Bishops, it often brings them sadness, he said, since many young people never set foot in the church again, disappearing from their parishes.

Pope Leo therefore appealed to young Catholics to pay special attention to the Holy Spirit’s gift of perseverance, so that they live their faith together. “Do not forget what you have lived in this time,” he said. “May your joy in coming to Rome to celebrate together and pray together live in your hearts, and may you continue to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and persevere in the faith.”

As they return to their parishes, the Pope invited them to participate in the many activities and opportunities offered so that they can live in community. “We do not live the faith alone; we live it together,” he said. “And forming these relationships of friendship and community is a way to live perseverance as disciples of Jesus.”

Finally, Pope Leo XIV encouraged the young Confirmands from Genoa to enjoy this moment of grace as they receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and maintain it throughout their lives. “It is very important,” he said, “that each one of you also make this commitment, this promise to the Lord: that you truly want to continue as His friends, His disciples, His missionaries, and that you want to persevere in the faith.”

POPE LEO’S FIRST ENCYCLICAL

Pope Leo XIV’s first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence, will be released on May 25. A presentation event with the Pope and various speakers is scheduled for the same day at the Vatican.

Vatican News

Pope Leo XIV’s first Encyclical Letter *Magnifica Humanitas*, on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence, will be released on May 25, 2026. It bears the Pope’s signature dated May 15th, 135th anniversary of the publication of Pope Leo XIII’s encyclical [Rerum novarum](#).

Magnifica Humanitas will be presented on the day of its release at 11:30 a.m. at the Vatican’s Synod Hall.

The Pope will be present, along with several speakers: Cardinal Víctor Manuel Fernández, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith; Cardinal Michael Czerny, S.J., Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development; Professor Anna Rowlands, a theologian and professor at Durham University (United Kingdom); Christopher Olah, co-founder of Anthropic (USA) and head of research on the interpretability of artificial intelligence; and Professor Leocadie Lushombo, I.T., professor of political theology and Catholic social thought at the Jesuit School of Theology / Santa Clara University in California (USA). Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin will offer closing remarks, followed by an address and blessing by Pope Leo XIV.

POPE LEO: VIRGIN MARY IS PERFECT MODEL OF WHAT THE CHURCH IS CALLED TO BE

Catechesis. The Documents of the Second Vatican Council. III. Constitution *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. 1. *The liturgy in the mystery of the Church* (extract)

Today we are beginning a new series of catecheses on the first Document issued by the Second Vatican Council: the Constitution on the sacred liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (SC). In drafting [this Constitution](#), the Council Fathers sought not only to undertake a reform of the rites, but to lead the Church to contemplate and deepen that living bond which constitutes and unites her: the mystery of Christ.

Summary of the Holy Father’s words:

Dear Brothers and Sisters, as we continue our series of catecheses on the Second Vatican Council, today we consider the Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. This document teaches that the liturgy immerses us in the mystery of Christ’s passion, death, resurrection and glorification. Through liturgical rites and prayers, and by the power of the Spirit, Jesus exercises his priesthood and sanctifies the Church, his spouse, uniting her to his own oblation to the Father. Indeed, Christ is present in the word that is proclaimed, in the sacraments, in the ministers, in the community, and most of all in the Eucharist. Let us allow ourselves to be shaped from within by the rites, symbols, gestures and above all by the living presence of Christ in the liturgy, which we will have further opportunity to explore.

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

SICK AND/OR HOMEBOUND

Would you like to receive Communion? Or seriously ill or in danger of death? We have dedicated ministers who can visit and bring you communion. Feel free to approach or call Fr Henry for the Holy Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office 9622 2920

FUNERALS

When a Funeral is to be celebrated, please contact the parish office to organise a meeting with Fr Henry. Funerals are not permitted on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation.

BAPTISM

Parents desiring Baptism for their children are encouraged to contact the parish office to arrange for the required preparation class for parents.

MASS INTENTIONS

All Mass intentions must be submitted to the Parish Office on or before Thursday. Names will be published for 2 weeks at a time.



LOURDES OVER 50s GROUP

Over 50s meeting Thursday 11th June 2026, 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 GROTTO: 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.

MAY 2026		
24	New Altar Servers installation	9:30am
27	IT Ministry meeting, Parish meeting room	7:30pm
29	Confirmation Mass	7pm

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

23/24 MAY

Acolytes	Vigil: Darryl Green 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am: Fayelene Kennedy	
Ministers	Vigil: F. Paiva, Volunteer 8am: J. Mai, L. Fernandes 9.30am: A. Walker, P. Gow	
Readers	Vigil: Yxaak Dino, T. Perak 8am: K. Walker, J. Irudayaraj 9.30am: R. Saldanha, L. Rigney	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Jessica Jeganathan, Joshua Jeganathan, C. Bellamin 8am: J. Blackshaw 9.30am: A. Melki, M. Stormer, C. Smith	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Couples for Christ	
Musicians	Vigil: Nina's Group 8am: Christine Clarke 9.30am: Nina's Group	
Flowers	Annette and Wei	
Church Cleaning	27 May	Jessie Borg Anne McNally Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Volunteer 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Raul Nigli	

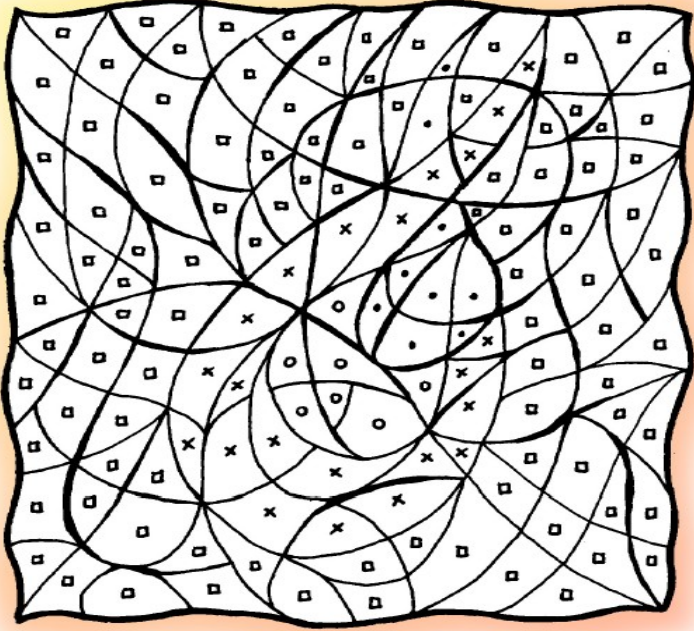
30/31 MAY

Acolytes	Vigil: Abdel Do Rosario 8am: Frank Paiva 9.30am: Ryan Epondulan	
Ministers	Vigil: M. Simic, J. Franco 8am: J. Sarmiento, A. McNally 9.30am: Kamela Huihui, Kilifi Huihui	
Readers	Vigil: C. Rodrigues, N. Do Rosario 8am: P. Ferriols, J. Cabasa 9.30am: Z. Smith, A. Hye Rin Han	
Altar Servers	Vigil: C. Rodrigues, C. Bellamin, A. Faulkner-Dhiman 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: E. Wright, N. D'Cruz, L. Sadipoor	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Maximilian Chorale	
Musicians	Vigil: Shaun Jyostna & Chris Woodward 8am: Fr Henry 9.30am: Max's Chorale	
Flowers	Angela, Fennie, Raquel	
Church Cleaning	06 June	Judith Deloso Edgar Cabrera Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Volunteer 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Georgina Basili	

The Kids' Bulletin

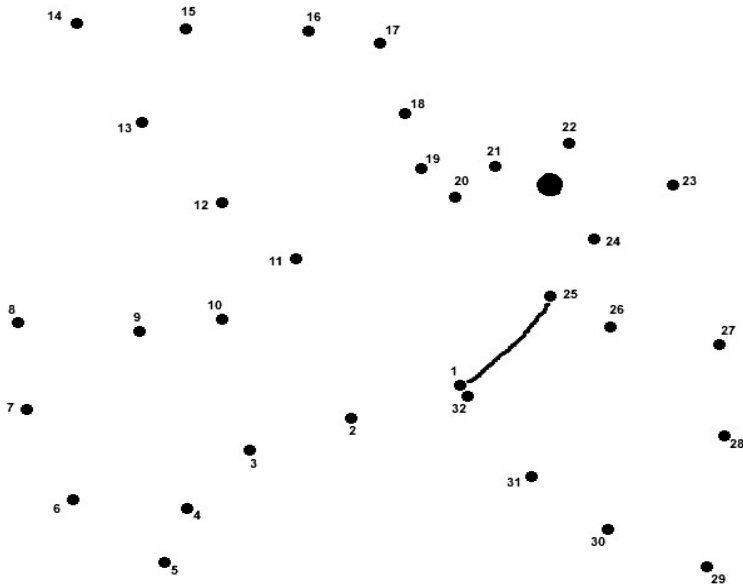
Pentecost Sunday
May 24th, 2026

Word Search



In what form did the Holy Spirit come to the Apostles on Pentecost?
Use this colour code to colour in the picture and find out!

- red
- orange
- blue
- × yellow



Unscramble the letters and write the word correctly in the space provided below.

1. OBYE _____
2. LVOE _____
3. ISPTRI _____
4. SWHO _____
5. UESSJ _____
6. OWRDL _____
7. TRUHT _____
8. RTAFEH _____

F U N R Z A J P S W N V U F D
I Z G C X U Z E Z L D A Y A Y
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SPIRIT	PENTECOST	HOLY	FIRE	LANGUAGE
SOUND	WIND	TONGUES	HOUSE	HEAVEN
HEAR	DAY	OTHER	SPEAK	FILLED



FATHER	OBEY	JESUS	TRUTH
WORLD	SHOW	SPIRIT	LOVE