# OUR LADY OF LOURDES
PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS
*"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay".*

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| **WEEKEND MASS:** | Saturday Vigil 6pm<br>Sunday 8am & 9.30am |
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| **Baptism:** | 8 November 2026 |
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# ALL SAINTS
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### Let us Pray for the Sick

Florence Acraman, Antoinette Aguas, Jeannette Baker, Lorenzo Balatbat, Briscoe, Kate Buttigieg, Irene Cabasa, Alexis Camilleri, Phillip Cortis, Pandora Crew, James Debattista, Michelle Fernando, Bastian George, Elaine Guy, John & Mary Jordan, Celia Jusayan, Diana Lyons, Biju Manuel, Blago Milicevic, Zeferino Jayson Morales, Maricar Poblete, Debra Price, Phillip, Camy Ratnam, Helen Ridden, Arabella Steele, Sue Tipaldo, Corinna Salinas, Chandra Sampnthan, Rose White, 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:** Jeannette Baker, Vianney Brown, Mary Cortis, Max Gomez, Agatha Mahendrarajah, Judith Hewitson, Randy Jayasinghe, Michael Jordan, Rene Nemorin, Barbara Perak, Lynette Seneviratne, Vinod Venkat.

**Anniversaries:** Mary Alagiah, Horace Baptist, Giovanni Barnaba, Joseph Bartok, Denis Brophy, Blaise Costa, John Soo Choon, Berlino Dulza, Emmanuel Falzon, Lena Falzon, Charlie Galea, Tracey Galea, Evangeline Garcia, Martha Joseph, Sheena Landagan, Sr. Joyce Marie, Felina Maglaya, Carmela & Pauline Meilak, Adele Moroney, Sr. Christina Morrissey, Denis Morrissey, John Portelli, Tessie Portelli, Benigno Riveral, Iluminada Rondario, Vincente Sesduero, Simplicio Velasquez.

**Remembrance:** Fe Abadiano, Jose Abadiano, France Angseesing, Merv Atkins, Julliana Arcega, Vic Azzopardi, Edna Bacud, Sam Borg, Edmee, Gerard, Roger Bruneau, Peter & Antonio, Frank, Maurice & Joseph Camenzuli and Camenzuli Family, Mary Camilleri, Lindsay Corette, Marcel Diab, Modsen Diab, Lesa Diab, Peter Diab, Toufic Diab, Debe Diab, Bede Diab, Sam & Silvia Debattista, Carmen, Jimmy, Antonia, Tania, Tony, Vicki, Louie, Joe & Launcer De Guire, Justin Dutton, Maximilian & Julian Epondulan, Florencio Flores, John – William Formosa, Joseph & Carmena Formosa, William & Marian Formosa, Sam Formosa, Zaren & Mariann Formosa, Mario & Joe Gat, Evangeline & Leandro Snr Garcia, Jose Garcia Constance Gaycroft, Gregory Hili, Selvam Irudayaraj, Anthony Janicska, J.B, Klare Kinsley, Joan Falzon, Rosine Lafleur, Agatha Mahendrarajah, Felina & Apolinario Maglaya, Mangion & Cini Family, Tessie & Andy Mangine, Maureen & John Mead, Sashin Patrick Manamperi, Bob Marini, Joseph & Doris Mifsud, Mary Mifsud, Wiliam & Emelia Mifsud, Frank Mislos, 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, Harold Ngan, Jeanine Nonato, Brian & Lillian Oliver, Eamon & John O'Sullivan, Bernard Paiva, Mile Perak, Ngan Pin, Eustace Ratnam, John & Roseline Ratnam, Norberto "Choy" Ruiz, Talia Sinniah, Jonathan Tek Kie Tjong, Tony Vassollo, Shane Vaz, Josephine & Alison Vella, Jim Vella, Mary Zammit.
***Names will be published for 2 weeks at a time.***

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### *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**

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| **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**

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| **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)

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| 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 kindly contact Maryse Angseesing on 0467 701 010.

**FIRST READING** *A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14*

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated them-selves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
   the world and all its peoples.
   It is he who set it on the seas;
   on the waters he made it firm. **(R.)**

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
   Who shall stand in his holy place?
   The man with clean hands and pure heart,
   who desires not worthless things. **(R.)**

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
   and reward from the God who saves him.
   Such are the men who seek him,
   seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R)**

**SECOND READING** *A reading from the letter of St John 1-3*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

## FROM FR. HENRY

Dear friends,

The communion of saints has been part of our Catholic beliefs, and we profess this belief very clearly in the Apostles' Creed, the one we recite here weekly, at Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hills. The communion of saints, as we know, is about the union or the unbroken link between members of the Church on earth with those in heaven and those in purgatory. We set aside two days each year to celebrate such a unique communion with the feast of All Saints on 1st November and the Commemoration of All Souls on 2nd November.

During the persecutions in the Early Church, Christians kept the practice of burying bodies of the martyrs in the tombs that would be accessible to them. They would gather to pray and celebrate the Eucharist every year at their death anniversaries, and the memorial celebrations began to take place in churches that had no martyr tombs. By the fifth century, a feast of All Saints was celebrated in the East, on the Friday of Easter week. Then by the eighth century, it was celebrated at 'St Mary to the Martyrs' in Rome, and in the nineth century, Pope Gregory IV changed the date of the feast to November 1.

In the first reading from the book of the Apocalypse for the feast of All Saints this Sunday, we have the account of people from all places throughout the world sealed with God's seal and gathered together in front of the Lamb, symbol of Jesus the Lamb of God, following the cosmic announcement of the angel. Their actual number is rather symbolic, as it symbolises those who were chosen, those who embrace Jesus and followed the ways of the beatitudes he pointed out in the Gospel account. Such as care for the poor, gentleness, suffering, righteousness, mercy, chastity, peacemaking and persecution. These people are the saints of the Church whose lives have inspired us, members of the Church on earth, the Pilgrim Church and whose intersessions are always helpful to us on our journey to be re-united with them one day.

With the feast of All Souls on November 2, started in the Church from the eleventh century, we are invited to reflect upon our union with Church members, especially our loved ones who have gone before us. They might have gone through the process of purification, prior to their beatific vision, and rely so much on our prayers and merits on their behalf to fasten such a soul-purifying process.

As we celebrate the feasts of All Saints and All Souls this year, let us give praise and thanks to God for the gifts of all the holy men and women in the Church. May their Beatitudes-based examples continue to inspire us, and their intersessions empower us to follow their footsteps towards our heavenly homeland. Let us also keep in our prayers the souls of those who were called to God, particularly those who are close to our heart, may our prayers and good works throughout this month help gain them credits before God.

Have a communion of saints-oriented week,

Fr Henry

# PARISH NEWS…

### CHANGES TO OUR RESPONSORIAL PSALM AND GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

For liturgical consistency, we will be introducing the following changes going forward:

1) When the Responsorial Psalm is READ, please wait for our reader to recite the response first and all will repeat it, then the first verse will be recited, followed by the response.

2) Prior to the Gospel Acclamation, please wait for our reader to invite the congregation to stand.

Thank you all for your co-operation.

### YOUTH ADORATION EVENING

On Sunday the 1st of November, we will be having a Youth Adoration Evening! For ages 9-18, starting at 4:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room and concluding at 6pm in the church. Please scan the QR codes on posters around the church to register, or email dianap@olol7hills.com.au

### ALL SOULS DAY MASSES 02-NOVEMBER

On Monday 2nd November, we will have 2 masses at 8am and 6pm to observe All Souls Day.

### PARISH BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE & NOVEMBER ENVELOPES

During this month of November, we dedicate our time to pray, especially for those who have gone before us. All are welcome to enter the names of the deceased you wish to pray for in the Book of Remembrance on the baptismal font and place the November envelopes in the bowl on the altar.

### 2027 ROSTERS

We will shortly begin preparing the rosters for 2027. We are seeking new volunteers to assist with Morning Tea, Cleaning the church, Placing the bins out, etc. Please contact the Parish Office on 9622 2920 if you can help. Your time and effort would be much appreciated.

### RCIA 2026/27

For anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or simply learning more about what it means to be a Catholic, we will begin our RCIA faith journey with the 'Inquiry Stage' of the Process on the 25th of October this year. Any parishioners who would like to partake in the discussion of the Sunday readings on a regular basis or even on the occasional Sunday, you are most welcome to join us after the liturgy of the word at 9.30am mass. We meet in the parish office. For further information or enquiries, please contact Artelle in the parish office.

### BECOME A CATECHIST, AN SRE VOLUNTEER

Volunteers from OLOL parish share their faith with children in local public primary schools which include, Seven Hills, Seven Hills North, Bert Oldfield, and Vardys Road. Volunteers commit to one hour a week and are supported with training and teaching materials. For further enquiries please contact Anne McNally on 0466 993 159.

### HALL CANOPY PLAQUE PAYMENT

Thank you to those who signed the Pledge Book for a Hall Canopy Plaque. The book has been removed from the church as of 1st October. Consequently, those still wishing to sponsor a plaque for the project are kindly requested to make the $300 payment online and then email the EFT remittance to secretary@olol7hills.com.au with your plaque wording (MUST be 25 letters of 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.

# DIOCESAN NEWS

**Music Workshop for Advent: 5 November**

All musicians in the diocese are invited to attend the Office for Worship's upcoming music workshop on November 5th. Mr Eric Grella will focus this workshop on choosing music that is suitable for the liturgical season of Advent and will be present to answer any questions you may have. It will be held on Thursday 5th Nov at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre from 7pm-8:30pm. Please register via parracatholic.org/music-workshop

**The FaithFeed ECHO: 6 November**

Looking for a space that brings together creativity, music and meaningful conversations? Searching for a place where gifts among those in their 20s, 30s and 40s can be celebrated and empowered? Register for TFF ECHO – an experience from The FaithFeed. Food, drink and live music provided! Doors open at 7pm with live music from a 7:30pm start. Register via parracatholic.org/events/the-faithfeed-echo

**Australian Catholic Historical Society – "The Evidence of Trauma upon Frontline AIF Chaplains in WWI": 15 November**

The next event for the Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the crypt of Saint Patrick's, Church Hill at 2:00 PM on Sunday 15 November. The Topic: The Evidence of Trauma upon Frontline AIF Chaplains in WWI. Presenter: Mark Edwards. Members, their guests, and visitors are most welcome and there is no charge. Details of the programme of the ACHS as well as resources on church history and Youtube Videos are on the website *https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/*

**Christmas Fete at Bodington Wentworth Falls: 4 December**

Catholic Healthcare is raising funds to help our residents tick off their bucket list wishes every contribution makes a difference! Date: 4 December 2026. Time: 4.30pm – 7pm. L6 Bodington Drive (off Tableland Rd), Wentworth Falls. Enjoy local stalls, a toy raffle, refreshments, BBQ, and festive fun for all. Come celebrate community, joy, and the spirit of giving!

**Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 15 November**

Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held on Sunday 15 November at 2:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by afternoon tea. Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate. If you would like to attend, please register your full names, years married, and numbers attending via parracatholic.org/events/wedding-anniversary-mass 6 Nov.

**Parramatta Street Feast: 17 November**

You are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast, a Festival of Welcome: 17 November 2026, 10:45am–2:30pm, 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

**MGL Sisters "Alive" Family Retreat Day: 14 November**

The MGL Sisters warmly welcome you and your family to the "Alive" Family Retreat Day to unleash the power of the Holy Spirit. When: 9am – 4pm on November 14 2026. Where: Our Lady of Mt Carmel parish hall. Why: *Your family has been carefully chosen and put together by God and has an important mission entrusted only to you. Discover as a family the power of the Holy Spirit to live with boldness and love!* This is an interactive retreat, beginning with the 9am Mass at Our Lady of Mt Carmel parish, Varroville and then moving over to the parish hall for a day of inputs and activities that all ages in your whole family can enjoy. As it can be difficult to cater safely for dietary needs and preferences these days, we ask that you bring your own lunch and snacks that you know your own family will enjoy. Further information and Registration: trybooking.com?DIDCJ

# OLOL SAFEGUARDING NEWS

**Face to Face Renewal Safeguarding Training at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.**

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.

**When should I complete my Safeguarding Training?**

All Clergy, employees and volunteers in parish ministry are required by the NSW Children's Guardian Act 2019 to be current and complete with Safeguarding Training. Check with your Parish Office when you are due to update your Safeguarding Training.

- If you are new to ministry, you must complete the Introductory Modules 1-3 (Cycle 1).
- If you completed Cycle 1 modules two years ago, you must complete Renewal Modules 4 and 5 (Cycle 2)

If you renewed your Cycle 2 two years ago, you must complete a Refresher Module 6 (Cycle 3)

Safeguarding Training Modules can always be completed online at https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/.

Face-to-face training opportunities can be found at parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training.

**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, contact the OCG on (02) 92867219.

**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.

## POPE LEO'S RECENT AUDIENCE

**Catechesis. The Documents of the Second Vatican Council. IV. Constitution Gaudium et Spes. 7. The relationship between faith and culture (GS, 53-62)".**

*Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!*

The Second Vatican Council could not fail to address the subject of culture and its relationship with the Christian faith. It does so in the second chapter of the second part of the *Constitution Gaudium et Spes* (GS). The Catholic Church has always been concerned with accompanying the preaching of the Gospel with the establishment of schools of every kind, aimed at advancing the human, cultural and spiritual formation of men and women across the five continents. Medieval universities, as we know, were born from the heart of the Church, making a decisive contribution to the development of Western civilization. At the same time, the progress of culture and knowledge raises ever new and deeper questions, prompting believers to give an account of their faith (cf. 1 Pet 3:15–17). Finally, as expressions of the spiritual dimension of the human being, the various manifestations of culture contribute to opening minds to the perennial questions on the meaning of the world and of human existence, thus preparing people to receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The relationship between faith and culture finds its primary foundation in the Incarnation: if the divine Word became flesh and came to dwell among us (cf. Jn 1:14), then faith too is an incarnate reality, interwoven with the culture in which it is immersed. It is also required to become culture, that is, to reach the person in their living environment, made up of human words, traditions, religious meaning, art and poetry, thought and science. As Saint John Paul II loved to repeat, "a faith that does not become culture is a faith not fully accepted, not entirely thought out, not faithfully lived". [1] Faith can be embodied in all cultures, because it does not identify itself with any of them in a specific one. It dwells within them, shaping them from within according to the "form" of Jesus Christ; that is, through charity, service and the filial recognition of God's fatherhood. In this way, the Church draws from the various cultures all that is good, beautiful and true, in order to embody and transmit the message of the Gospel. At the same time, "the Church, sent to all peoples of every time and place, is not bound exclusively and indissolubly to any race or nation, any particular way of life or any customary way of life recent or ancient. Faithful to her own tradition and at the same time conscious of her universal mission, she can enter into communion with the various civilizations, to their enrichment and the enrichment of the Church herself" (GS, 58).

The Church promotes culture because it is a good in itself, a service to the human being and to the fulfilment of her vocation on earth. For this reason, Gaudium et Spes exhorts the international community to ensure that everyone has access to fundamental cultural goods, by overcoming illiteracy and the lack of education. All those who are capable of accessing higher education – the Council boldly states – must be placed in a position to do so in practice. Furthermore, "it will belong to all to acknowledge and favour the proper and necessary participation of women in the cultural life" (GS, 60). In addition, Gaudium et Spes upholds the need to direct teaching towards a certain unity of knowledge, even though changing living conditions may make this more difficult (cf. GS, 61). Christians are the first who must strive to bring about this unity of wisdom, first and foremost within themselves. Although they have received from Revelation the answers to the great questions of existence, they are not thereby exempt from patient intellectual and cultural formation; on the contrary, their human and scientific knowledge must go hand in hand with the substance of their faith, which must be continually deepened with age and in accordance with their level of study. The Council addresses a particular appeal to theologians: "Let those who teach theology … strive to collaborate with men versed in the other sciences through a sharing of their resources and points of view. Theological inquiry should pursue a profound understanding of revealed truth; at the same time it should not neglect close contact with its own time that it may be able to help these men skilled in various disciplines to attain to a better understanding of the faith" (GS, 62).

Brothers and sisters, the *Constitution Gaudium et Spes* reminds us not to live the faith in a spirit of opposition or hostility towards the world, culture and its human expressions, but rather exhorts us as follows: "May the faithful, therefore, live in very close union with the other men of their time and may they strive to understand perfectly their way of thinking and judging, as expressed in their culture" (GS, 62). Achieving a mature and responsible synthesis between faith and culture is, in fact, a necessary condition for persevering in the Christian vocation, as well as an essential requirement for bearing witness to the faith before the world and communicating it to others in a credible manner.

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I extend a warm welcome to all the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's Audience, especially those from England, Ireland, Denmark, Sweden, Ghana, Japan, Jordan, Laos, Pakistan, the Philippines, Canada and the United States of America. In particular, I greet the members of the Youth Group from the Diocese of Samoa-Pago Pago on their pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. Upon each of you and your families, I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you all!

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The Second Vatican Council's Pastoral Constitution Gaudium et Spes, reflecting on the Church in the modern world, also addresses the topic of culture. In promoting culture in all its forms, the Church has always combined the proclamation of the Gospel with the establishment of schools, seeking to foster human and spiritual formation, encouraging believers to give an account of their faith (cf. 1 Pet 3:15–17) and preparing all peoples to receive the Gospel. The authentic relationship between faith and culture is rooted in the Incarnation. Faith, therefore, enriches and brings to fulfillment every culture it encounters, and is itself called to become a culture that is shaped by Christ. In this way, Gaudium et Spes affirms the need to cultivate a fruitful integration of knowledge, expressed in a way of living the faith marked by a positive outlook on the world and history.

74. In many areas, we are already experiencing a kind of " de facto solidarity," for our lives are intertwined; digital networks connect people and communities across the world in real time, and global economies and communications mean that events in one place have a far-reaching impact. This network of relationships, however, only constitutes solidarity in the fullest sense of the word when it becomes a conscious choice. Faith invites us to see this reality as a call: we are not merely neighbors to one another, but entrusted to each other, so that each of us may take responsibility, as best we can, for the lives and wounds of our brothers and sisters. Solidarity arises precisely when we decide not to remain indifferent to what happens to our neighbor but instead to transform unavoidable bonds — economic, cultural and technological — into paths of sharing, cooperation and mutual care, embracing the idea of "thinking and acting in terms of community." [101]

75. The Church's social teaching emphasizes that solidarity is both a principle and a virtue. As a principle, it expresses the objective order of relationships among individuals, groups and peoples, pointing to an awareness of interdependence whereby the good of each person depends on the good of others. As a virtue, it requires a "firm and persevering determination" [102] to strive for the common good, with particular attention to those most in need. Pope Francis noted that solidarity is "a way of making history" [103] that creates communities and not just masses of individuals. For this reason, it requires a modest and shared way of life, the ability to forego immediate benefits in order to create opportunities for others in the future, and a willingness to challenge habits and privileges — including those related to digital consumption and the use of technology — when they prevent others from living with dignity.

76. In a world marked by increasingly close connections between people, communities and nations, solidarity also takes on a global dimension. Benedict XVI strongly emphasized the link between development, justice and responsibility toward future generations, stating that authentic development requires solidarity and inter-generational justice, [104] as well as an awareness of the bonds that unite us to the natural environment. Today, this responsibility also extends to digital and information infrastructure. Like the natural environment, the "digital ecosystem" can be preserved or exploited, shared or monopolized. Solidarity demands that decisions regarding data, algorithms, platforms and artificial intelligence take into account not only the immediate benefit for a few, but also the impact on all peoples and on future generations.

*(To be continued)*

# 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 Tuesday 3 November 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 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 rabel24@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 2026 | | |
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| 2 | All Souls Day Masses | 8am, 6pm |
| 3 | Over 50's 'Melbourne Cup Day' Meeting | 10.30am |
| 12 | Parish Pastoral Council Meeting | 7:30pm |

# OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

| 31 OCTOBER / 01 NOVEMBER | | |
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| Acolytes | Vigil: Derick Soares<br>8am: Louis Fernandes<br>9.30am: Ramzee Michael | |
| Ministers | Vigil: R. Soares, M. Mifsud<br>8am: M. Santos, L. Fernandes<br>9.30am: G. Basili, E. Lagare | |
| Readers | Vigil: N. Sumcad, A. Pushparajan<br>8am: A. McNally, M. Monses<br>9.30am: Z. Smith, M. Aquino | |
| Altar Servers | Vigil: Sebastian Costello, Saoirse Costello, L. Costello<br>8am: M. Rajaratnam, Volunteer<br>9.30am: S. Philip, E. Wright, I. Malubag | |
| Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass) | Young Adults Group | |
| Musicians | Vigil: Christine Clarke<br>8am: Fr Henry, Christine Woodward<br>9.30am: Couples for Christ | |
| Flowers | Fenty & Liz | |
| Church Cleaning | 05 November | Lourdes Spiteri<br>Charles De Souza |
| Welcomers | Vigil: Judith Deloso, Ram Ugre<br>8am: Volunteer<br>9.30am: Edgardo Barcelon | |

| 7/8 NOVEMBER | | |
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| Acolytes | Vigil: Abel Do Rosario<br>8am: Eugene Miu<br>9.30am: Rommel Lagare | |
| Ministers | Vigil: A. Franco, M. Simic<br>8am: M. Kama, F. Kennedy<br>9.30am: B. Chandler, A. Walker | |
| Readers | Vigil: N. Do Rosario, B. Motha<br>8am: K. Walker, T. Perak<br>9.30am: R. Saldanha, E. Pieris | |
| Altar Servers | Vigil: O. Martinez, J. Martinez, N. Jeganathan<br>8am: J. Blackshaw, A. McInnes, C. Bellamin<br>9.30am: K. Cassaniti, J. Pieris, C. Smith | |
| Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass) | Parish Pastoral Council | |
| Musicians | Vigil: Fr Henry, Christine Woodward<br>8am: Fr Henry, Christine Woodward<br>9.30am: Tongan Choir | |
| Flowers | Claudette, Raquel, Tess | |
| Church Cleaning | 14 November | Tongan Community |
| Welcomers | Vigil: Volunteer<br>8am: Volunteer<br>9.30am: Sastina Pieris | |

# The Kids' Bulletin

***Feast of All Saints***
***November 1, 2026***

*Today we celebrate all the people that are in Heaven with God. We call these people 'saints.' They were normal people like us who chose to follow God.*

*Here are some saints that you can colour. Do you know who they are?*

## The Beatitudes

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."
Matthew 5:11 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)

S T H I R S T G V H M Q B U S
T O D O Y R G P R E E O A F L
K T T Q O M Y L B Z J A U M K
X D A O M H U N G E R W V R Z
P L P N F U R W Y I D T X E N
E U E J M E R C Y A I M E M N
G B R W S P U L E R I S E N B
N C H E P B W D E I E D D U K
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| HUNGER | HEART | SPIRIT | BLESSED | INHERIT |
| THIRST | MEEK | PURE | POOR | HEAVEN |

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

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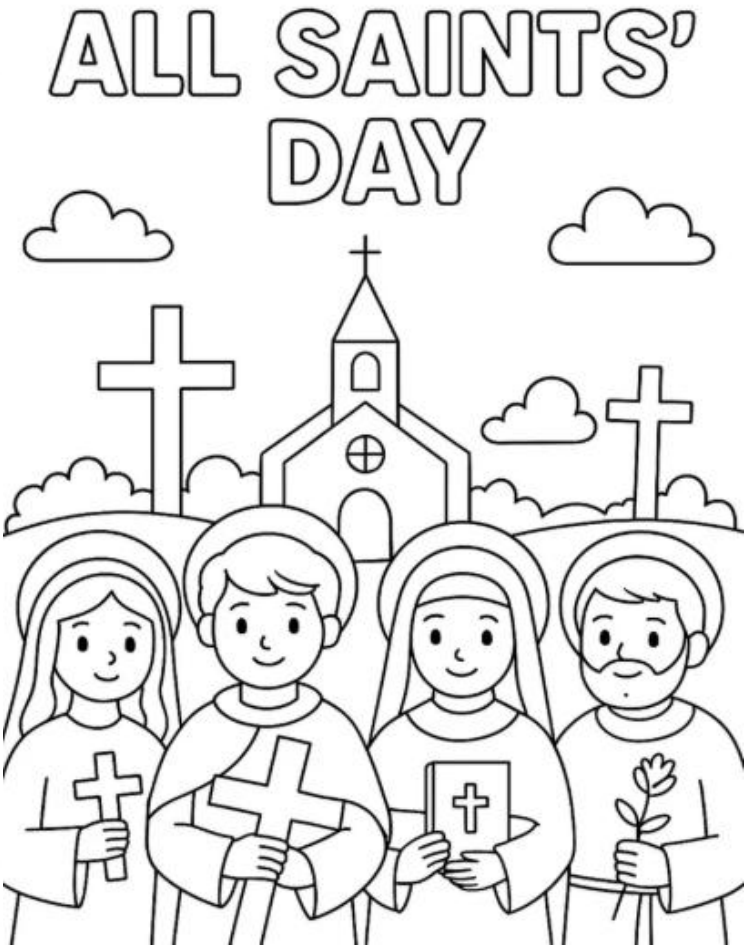


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