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Let us Pray for the Sick

Rico Abadam, Catherine, Elizabeth & Monika, Leonila Ahillon, Florence Arinaran, Mary Attard, Rosella Booth, Penny Briscoe, Alma Caguimbal, Para Dias, Ronald Fountain, Renuka Fernando, Ronald Gomez, Chmouneh Hayek, Clare Kinsley, Anthony Janicska, Mary Jordan, Paul Leong, Damian & Roslyn McNally, Blago Milicevic, Zeferino Jayson Morales, Carlos Moreno, Sharon O'Keefe, Maricar Poblete, Debra Price, Camy Ratnam, Eustace Ratnam, Sue Tipaldo, 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: Emma Barriom, Barrie Chamberlain, Frank Camenzuli, Bruno Di Fabio, Dulcie Duraisamy, Jasmin Fernando, Cynthia Lopez, Joseph Mifsud, Gleno Motha, Agustin Ngalongalay, Mely Palero, Perl Perera, Magelende Sapinosa, Sr Colleen O'Sullivan, Maria Teresa Tiu, Wilhelmino Villaneuva.

Anniversaries: T.F. Augustine, Amelita Amon, Peter & Helen Bonnici, Carmela Carboni, Maurice Camenzuli, Catherine Chandra, Stella Cini, Aloysean Corera, Marcel Diab, Georgina & Mark Falzon, Melvyn Fernandes, John Fernando, M.A Fernando, Juliet Francis, Rita Hili, Teodoro Garcia, Christine Gomez, Josephine Gomez, Helen Hili, Lissy, Jose & Mary Kutty, Kathleen McNamee, Gwyn & James McNally, Cayetan Mula, Mary Muscat, Sheena Landagan, Rita Leon, Gil Opina, Thoai, Loi & Nga Nguyen, Cordula Paiva, Jose Reyes, Cornelio & Iuminada Rondario, Mary Silva, Rosary Silva, Anna & Evelynna Talary, T.Thenmoli, Arsenio Laberinto Udan, S. Susainathan, Melchor Usman, Priscilla Villanueva, Pastora Villarta.

Remembrance: Neil Amaratunga, France Angseeing, Carmen Attard, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Sam Borg, Saviour Caruana, Fe Licup Carmen, Myrna Cruz, Tania McGove, Sam & Silvia Debattista, Carmen, Jimmy, Antonio, Tania, Vivian, Joe & Launcer De Guire, Nevis Fernando, Carmen & Joseph Formosa, Sammy Formosa, Ngan Siu Eng, Maximilian & Julian Epondulan, Sam Gabo, Evangeline & Jose Garcia, Leandro Garcia Sr, John & Marian, Mary & Sam Galea, Frans Gutajar, Selvam Iudayaraj, Norma Lorenzo, Apolinario Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Felina Maglaya, Mangion & Cini Family, Sashin Patrick Manamperi, Mary Mifsud, Joseph Mifsud, Emilia & William Mifsud, Angelo Pasco, Maria Reyes, Anton & Lourda Motha, Louis, Stephen & Joseph Mula, Francis Muscat, John & Roseline Ratnam, Jose Sanchez, Jonathan Tek Kie, Bibiano Villanueva, Tony Vassollo, Sharmane, Shane Vaz, Vinnie Zahra.

Names are to be submitted to the Parish Office on or before a Thursday and will be published for 4 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 and Matt's Point 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

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 at the Parish Office or contact Maryse Angseeing on 0467 701 010 .

KEEP UP TO DATE

By visiting our parish website with news, the bulletin, prayers and much more - a great way to stay up to date with what's on in our parish Visit www.olol7hills.org.au



FIRST READING *A reading from the book of Exodus 24:3-8*

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel.

Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

1. How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**

3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. **(R.)**

2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter of the Hebrews 9:11-15*

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the first holy Gospel according to Mark 14:12-16, 22-26*

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

The Gospel of the Lord



Dear friends,

At Retinnes, near Liege, Belgium in 1993, a child by the name of Juliana was born and placed in the convent of Mont-Cornillon at the age of five after both of her parents passed away. When Juliana grew up, she joined the convent and became a nun with a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin, the Sacred Passion and particularly the Blessed Sacrament. From her ardent love for the Blessed Sacrament and private revelations, she began to dedicate her time and energy to promote in her local diocese of Liege the feast of Corpus Christi (Body of Blood of Christ), which then became popular throughout Europe and Pope Urban IV

promulgated as a universal feast in 1246.

By its name, this feast celebrates both the body and blood of Jesus Christ as redemptive means to nourish Jesus' followers on their earthly journey. A prominent feature of the feast since the fourteenth century has been a Eucharistic procession, which takes place after Mass on these days.

From a scriptural perspective, this feast closely links with the Last Supper in which Jesus established the Eucharist, and the Gospel this Sunday highlights such a significant connection. In his account, the writer of Mark's Gospel takes us back to Jesus' last meal with the disciples and shows us in detail of how Jesus prepared for the occasion and what he has done with the bread and the cup naming them his body and blood pouring to bring salvation for many.

St Paul in the second reading explains to us the saving value of the Blood of Christ as the perfect sacrifice before God to cancel all the sins, and ever since bring salvation to the new people of God.

As we celebrate this Corpus Christi feast, let us give praise and thanks to the Son of God for giving us his Body and Blood as a sacrifice to cancel our sins and help to reconcile us with God, and also as food to nourish us on our journey to our heavenly home. Pray that we may be able to appreciate the redemptive value of the Blessed Sacrament and live our lives worthy of the people redeemed by the precious Body and Blood of the Son of God

Have a Eucharistic-oriented week,

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the 24 candidates who made their Confirmation on Friday night. May God bless them and may the gifts of The Holy Spirit they received continue to sustain and strengthen them on their personal Faith Journey. Amen.



PARISH THINK TANK PLANNING SESSION

Parishioners interested in the future of our parish are warmly invited to join with the Parish Council at our next meeting on Wednesday, 12 June at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. In the light of a new way of walking together which is synodality, we would appreciate your input on a five-year plan. Our current focus is on setting up Family Groups in the parish in the coming months. If you can join us please message Eugene at eugene_miu@hotmail.com or Adrian at foggabolla1@gmail.com. Recommended reading: parrocatholic.org/synod/draftdiocesanplan.

BECOME A CATECHIST AN SRE VOLUNTEER!

SRE's are parish volunteers who: Teach and share their faith with children who attend government schools; Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time with young people. OLOL SRE's go into Seven Hills, Seven Hills North, Bert Oldfield, Vardys Road State primary schools & The Hills Sports High School. New volunteer SRE's will be given support, training and teaching materials. For further enquiries please contact Deacon Thong in the parish office.

PLANNED GIVING 2024/25 ENVELOPES

Thank you to all 2nd Collection givers for 2023/24. 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 really appreciate the generosity by all our Parishioners.

WELCOME OUR VISITING CLERGY TO SEVEN HILLS

During my annual leave this year, Frs Viet Nguyen SVD, Huong Nguyen SDB, Huy Nguyen SJ will help us with all Weekend Masses and Frs Gerald O'Demsey OFM Cap and Albino Dos Santos will be available to cover all weekday Masses. Please make them feel welcome in our Parish community. I would be very grateful if you could remember Mr Peter Nhon Van Tran, my Dad in your prayers in the coming days for his 15th anniversary of death on 10 June 2024.

CATECHIST MEETING 5 JUNE

There is an upcoming meeting for all catechists and anyone who is interested in becoming a catechist on Wednesday the 5th of June at 2pm in the parish meeting room. For further enquires or if you are unable to attend, please kindly contact Deacon Thong or Anne McNally through the parish office.

MINISTRY ROSTER UPDATE:

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

SERVING AS PARISH MINISTERS

In response to popular requests from the community to serve as lectors, Extraordinary ministers of Communion, Acolytes and so on, I would like to invite you to pick up the form available in our Parish Directory, tick your preferred ministry, write down your name and contact number, place it in the collection plate or return it to Fr Henry, and the Parish office will contact you.

CANDLE WAX ON THE CHURCH CARPET

Please do not try to remove candle wax on the church carpet by yourselves, for you might make it worse. Instead let our staff know and we ask our carpet cleaners to treat it.

Synod 2023 Update:

Local Think Tank Sessions from May-June

Parishes and other local faith communities across the diocese are holding local Think Tank Sessions, giving local leaders and anyone involved in ministry to offer feedback on the Draft of the Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church, and contribute ideas for the practical implementation of our Diocesan Plan. To inquire about our local Think Tank session visit parracatholic.org/synod for more info.

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's Project Elizabeth

Will you strengthen the dignity of struggling mums? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will provide struggling mums with the practical and emotional support they need to overcome adversity and build a better future for themselves and their families. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



Liturgical Ministers Commissioning Mass: 13 June

You are kindly invited to attend the Liturgical Ministers Commissioning Mass of 2024! More than 200 people in the last year have partaken in the Office for Worship's course to become Liturgical ministers in their parishes. At this Mass on Thursday 13 June, Bishop Vincent will commission them to go out into their parishes by living out this ministry and bringing glory to God. Please RSVP to lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org for catering purposes by 7 June.

Mt Schoenstatt Coffee, Craft and Conversation: 15 June

Young women (20-40 years) are invited to spend a relaxing afternoon of coffee, craft and spiritual conversations with the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary on Saturday 15 June from 2.30pm-5pm at Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. Cost is \$15 and includes afternoon tea and craft materials. RSVP before Saturday 8th June to Hannah 0433443384. Flyer with more details can be found on the website: <https://schoenstatt.org.au/> or search Facebook: [MtSchoenstattMulgoa](https://www.facebook.com/MtSchoenstattMulgoa)

Adult Confirmation 2024 Formation Day: 24 August

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 24 August from 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$25 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. For more information please contact Lucy Woodbury on lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Great Saints of Italy Pilgrimage with Fr Chris del Rosario: October 2024

Join Fr Christopher del Rosario on a breathtaking pilgrimage on the footsteps of some of Italy's most well-known saints. Follow their paths etched into our faith heritage, from the great Christian centre of Rome to sacred towns made famous by Padre Pio, St Francis, St Clare, St Catherine and St Anthony. This is an amazing opportunity to deepen our faith and explore the rich tapestry of culture, art and history that Italy has to offer. Pilgrimage commences 21 October 2024. For more details scan the code or visit www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/great-saints-of-italy/.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are offering initial and renewal face-to-face training throughout June:

- Monday 3 June from 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown for **Modules 1-3 for those who are new to ministry**
- Tuesday 11 June from 10.30am to 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre for **Modules 4-5 for those who have completed Modules 1-3 in the last two years.**

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 more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Mary Immaculate Parish Quakers Hill Young Adults Group

Friday the 7th of June, Mary Immaculate Parish Quakers Hill young adults group will be having adoration to celebrate the feast day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Adoration will start at 7pm till 8pm with fellowship to follow afterwards. All Welcome.

Mass for Neophytes: 14 June

Each year, Bishop Vincent celebrates a special Mass for all those who have entered the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil that year. It is a wonderful opportunity to welcome back many new Catholics who were newly baptised into the family of God in the parishes across the diocese, along with their families and all the RCIA teams. This year it will be held on Friday, June the 14th at 7:30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Please RSVP for catering purposes to lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org by 7 June.

Expression of Interest: Ministry to the Sick in Hospitals

Are you interested in bringing Communion to the Sick in the Hospitals of the Diocese? You will receive formation and information necessary for this ministry. Note you will not be required to do this every week but will be placed on a roster. For more information, please contact Bernard Ellis via email bernard.ellis@catholiccarewsbm.org.au by 15 June 2024. "The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace." - Pope Francis

Toongabbie Parish Triduum Masses for St Anthony of Padua

St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, celebrates the feast of St Anthony with Triduum Masses on 11, 12 and 13 June. We are fortunate to have the first-class relic of our parish patron St Anthony of Padua for veneration in our church.

- Tuesday 11 June: 9.30am & 7pm – Mass & Novena, Blessing of the Sick.
- Wednesday 12 June: 9.30am & 7pm – Mass & Novena, Blessing of children.
- Thursday 13 June: 9.30am & 7pm – Feast Day Mass & Novena, Candlelight procession with the relic of St Anthony.

All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the parish office on (02) 9631 3316 or email secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au.

Central Europe Pilgrimage with Fr Joseph Lam OSA: May 2025

Cosmos Tour Operators are organising a Central Europe tour for 17 days from 8 to 24 May 2025, travelling through Germany, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria and Czechia, accompanied by Fr Joseph Lam OSA from St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. Prices start from \$5,076 per person, excluding flights. For more information, or to register your interest, please contact the parish office on secretary@stfinbars.org.au.

Scam Alert

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

POPE FRANCIS' LAST REGINA CAELI OF 2024



Dear brothers and sisters, happy Feast of Pentecost, *buongiorno!*

Today, Solemnity of Pentecost, we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary and the Apostles. In the Gospel of the liturgy, Jesus speaks about the Holy Spirit and says that he will teach us “whatever he hears” (cf. *Jn* 16:13). But what does this expression mean? What has the Holy Spirit heard? What will he speak about? He speaks to us with words that express wonderful sentiments, such as affection, gratitude, entrustment, mercy. Words that make us know a beautiful, luminous, concrete and lasting relationship such as the eternal Love of God: the words that the Father and the Son say to each other. They are precisely *the transformative words of love*, which the Holy Spirit repeats in us, and which it is good for us to listen to, because these words engender and make grow the same sentiments and the same intentions in our heart: they are fruitful words. This is why it is important that we nourish ourselves every day with the Words of God, the Words of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit. And many times I say: read a passage from the Gospel, have a little pocket-sized Gospel and keep it with us, making the most of favourable moments to read it. The priest and poet Clemente Rebora, speaking of his conversion, wrote in his diary: “And the Word silenced my chatter!” (cf. *Curriculum vitae*). The Word of God silences our superficial chatter and makes us say serious words, beautiful words, joyful words. “And the Word silenced my chatter!” Listening to the Word of God makes the chatter stop. This is how to give space in us to the voice of the Holy Spirit. And then in Adoration let us not forget the prayer of Adoration in silence — especially that [prayer] which is simple, silent, like adoration. And there, saying good words within ourselves, saying them to the heart so as to be able to say them to others, afterwards, to each other. And in this way we see that they come from the voice of the Consoler, of the Spirit. Dear sisters and brothers, reading and meditating on the Gospel, praying in silence, saying good words: they are not difficult things, no, we can all do them. They are easier than insulting, getting angry... And so, let us ask ourselves: what place do these words have in my life? How can I cultivate them, in order to better listen to the Holy Spirit, and become an echo of him for others? May Mary, who was present at Pentecost with the Apostles, make us docile to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

After the Regina Caeli, the Holy Father continued:

Dear brothers and sisters, the Holy Spirit is he who creates harmony, harmony! And he creates it from different, at times even conflicting, realities. Today, Feast of Pentecost, let us pray to the Holy Spirit, Love of the Father and Son, that he may create harmony in hearts, harmony in families, harmony in society, harmony in the entire world. May the Spirit make communion and fraternity grow between Christians of different denominations; give leaders the courage to make gestures of dialogue, that lead to an end to wars. Today's many wars: think of Ukraine my thoughts go in particular to the city of Kharkiv, which suffered an attack two days ago; let us think of the Holy Land, of Palestine, of Israel; let us think of the many places where there are wars. May the Spirit guide leaders of nations and all of us to open the doors to peace. I express my gratitude for the welcome and affection of the people of Verona, yesterday: they were good, the Veronese! Thank you, thank you. In a particular way I think of the prison of Verona, I think of the inmates who bore witness to me once again that behind the prison walls, life, humanity and hope pulsate. My heartfelt thanks go to all the prison staff, and in particular the Director, Dr Francesca Gioieni. I greet all of you, pilgrims from Rome and different parts of Italy and the world. In particular, I greet those of Timor-Leste I will come to visit you soon! those of Latvia and Uruguay, as well as the Paraguayan community of Rome, which is celebrating the Virgen de Caacupé, and the Catholic Portuguese Mission of Lucerne. I greet the young people of the *Immacolata*; I greet the religious sisters who are here, bravo! I greet the faithful of Benevento, Porto Azzurro and Terracina, and the “Caterina di Santa Rosa” Institute of Rome. I wish you all a happy Sunday. Please, do not forget to pray for me. Enjoy your lunch. Arrivederci!

POPE FRANCIS' JUNE PRAYER INTENTION: 'FOR THOSE FLEEING THEIR OWN COUNTRIES.'

By **Deborah Castellano Lubov**

Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention this June is for “those fleeing their own countries.” The Pope invited the Church to pray for this intention in this month's The Pope Video, released on Tuesday. The prayer intention is entrusted to the entire Catholic Church through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network during the month in which the United Nations commemorates World Refugee Day on 20 June. Produced in collaboration with Tele VID and with the support of the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, the Pope Video for June is a story about the borders in various parts of the world. In his video, the Pope reminds Christians that “whoever welcomes a migrant welcomes Christ” and expresses how often this context is forgotten.

Number of displaced exceeds World War II In recent years, the number of people who have been displaced has exceeded that during the Second World War. According to the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR), in 2023, there were 110 million people forcefully displaced throughout the world. In this context, Pope Francis has repeatedly asked throughout his pontificate that migrants be accompanied, promoted and integrated. At the beginning of the video, the Pope says, “The feeling of uprootedness or not knowing where they belong often accompanies the trauma experienced by people who are forced to flee their homeland because of war or poverty.”

'God walks with His People' For this reason, he exhorts, “we promote a social and political culture that protects the rights and dignity of migrants, a culture that promotes the possibility that they can achieve their full potential.” Consistent with the intention of this video message, each year since 1914, the Church has invited the faithful to pray for migrants on the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. “God walks with His People” is the theme chosen for the 2024 Day, which will be held on 29 September.

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

The Pope Video is an official global initiative with the purpose of disseminating the Holy Father's monthly prayer intentions. It is carried out by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer). Since 2016, The Pope Video has had more than 203 million views across all the Vatican's social networks and is translated into more than 23 languages, receiving press coverage in 114 countries.

The videos are produced and created by The Pope Video Prayer Network team, coordinated by Andrea Sarubbi, and distributed by La Machi Communication for Good Causes. The project is sponsored by Vatican Media.

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network is a Vatican foundation, with the mission of mobilizing Catholics through prayer and action in response to the challenges facing humanity and the mission of the Church. These challenges are presented in the form of prayer intentions entrusted by the Pope to the entire Church.

Cycle of Catechesis. The Spirit and the Bride. The Holy Spirit guides. The people of God towards Jesus our hope.

1. The Spirit of God was hovering over the waters

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today, with this catechesis we begin a cycle of reflections with the theme 'The Holy Spirit and the Bride' – the bride is the Church – 'The Holy Spirit guides God's people towards Jesus our hope'. We will make this journey through the three great stages of salvation history: the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the time of the Church. Always keeping our gaze fixed on Jesus, Who is our hope.

In these first catecheses on the Spirit in the Old Testament, we will not do 'biblical archaeology'. Instead, we will discover that what is given as a promise in the Old Testament has been fully realised in Christ. It will be like following the path of the sun from dawn to noon.

Let us begin with the first two verses of the entire Bible. The first two verses of the Bible read: 'In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And *the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters*' (*Gen 1:1-2*). The Spirit of God appears to us here as the mysterious power that moves the world from its initial formless, deserted, and gloomy state to its ordered and harmonious state. Because the Spirit makes harmony, harmony in life, harmony in the world. In other words, it is He who makes the world pass from chaos to the cosmos, that is, from confusion to something beautiful and ordered. This, in fact, is the meaning of the Greek word *kosmos*, as well as the Latin word *mundus*, that is, something beautiful, something ordered, clean, harmonious, because the Spirit is harmony.

This still vague hint of the Holy Spirit's action in creation becomes more precise in the following revelation. In a psalm we read: 'By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host' (*Ps 33:6*); and again: 'You send forth Your spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the earth' (*Ps 104:30*).

This line of development becomes very clear in the New Testament, which describes the intervention of the Holy Spirit in the new creation, using precisely the images that one reads about in connection with the origin of the world: the dove that hovers over the waters of the Jordan at Jesus' baptism (cf. *Mt 3:16*); Jesus who, in the Upper Room, breathes on the disciples and says: 'Receive the Holy Spirit' (*Jn 20:22*), just as in the beginning God breathed His breath on Adam (cf. *Gen 2:7*).

The Apostle Paul introduces a new element into this relationship between *the Holy Spirit and creation*. He speaks of a universe that 'groans and suffers as in labour pains' (cf. *Rom 8:22*). It suffers because of man who has subjected it to the 'bondage of corruption' (cf. vv. 20-21). It is a reality that concerns us closely and concerns us dramatically. The Apostle sees the cause of the suffering of creation in the corruption and sin of humanity that has dragged it into its alienation from God. This remains as true today as it was then. We see the havoc that has been done, and that continues to be wrought upon creation by humanity, especially that part of it that has greater capacity to exploit its resources.

St Francis of Assisi shows us a way out, a beautiful way, a way out to return to the harmony of the Spirit: the way of contemplation and praise. He wanted a canticle of praise to the Creator to be raised from the creatures. We recall, 'Laudato sí, mi Signore...' the canticle of Francis of Assisi.

One of the psalms (18:2 [19:1]) says, '*The heavens declare the glory of God*', but men and women are needed to give voice to this mute cry of theirs. And in the '*Sanctus*' of the Mass we repeat each time: 'Heaven and earth are full of your glory'. They are, so to speak, 'pregnant' with it, but they need the hands of a good midwife to give birth to this praise of theirs.

Our vocation in the world, Paul again reminds us, is to be '*praise of His glory*' (*Eph 1:12*). It is to put the joy of contemplating ahead of the joy of possessing. And no one has rejoiced in creatures more than Francis of Assisi, who did not want to possess any of them.

Brothers and sisters, the Holy Spirit, Who in the beginning transformed chaos into cosmos, is at work to bring about this transformation in every person. Through the prophet Ezekiel, God promises: 'I will give you a new heart, and a new Spirit I will put within you... I will put my Spirit within you' (*Ez 36:26-27*). For our heart resembles that deserted, dark abyss of the first verses of Genesis. Opposed feelings and desires stir within it: those of the flesh and those of the spirit. We are all, in a sense, that 'kingdom divided against itself' that Jesus talks about in the Gospel (cf. *Mk 3:24*). Within ourselves we can say that there is an external chaos – social chaos, political chaos. We think about wars, we think about so many boys and girls who don't have enough to eat, about so many social injustices. This is the external chaos. But there is also an internal chaos: internal to each of us. The former cannot be healed unless we begin to heal the latter! Brothers and sisters, let us do a good job of making our internal confusion a clarity of the Holy Spirit. It is the power of God that does this, and we open our hearts so that He can do it.

May this reflection arouse in us the desire to experience the Creator Spirit. For more than a millennium, the Church has put on our lips the cry to ask: '*Veni creator Spiritus!* 'Come, O Creator Spirit! Visit our minds. Fill with heavenly grace the hearts you have created.' Let us ask the Holy Spirit to come to us and make us new persons, with the newness of the Spirit.

Thank you.

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 4 weeks at a time.



LOURDES OVER 50s GROUP

Over 50s meeting Thursday 13th June 2024, 10.30am– 1pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate to share. Look forward to seeing you there.

Lourdes: Luminate Young Adults Group

The next group night will be in May. If you would like more information please kindly contact Ian Epondulan: youtholol7h@gmail.com or search 'Lourdes 7Hills Young Adults' on Facebook.

LOURDES PLAYGROUP

Our Lady of Lourdes 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 9.30am-11.00am in the Parish Meeting Room. For further information please contact Maria Hosni 0432 174 056 or the Parish Office.

FREE ZUMBA CLASSES

Every Tuesday and Thursday 5.30pm-6.30pm in the Hall. Everyone Welcome!

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.

OLOL PARISH CALENDAR

June

1	Fr Henry Annual Leave commences	
5	Catechist Meeting	2.00pm
10	King's Birthday Public Holiday	
12	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting / Think Tank Session	7.30pm

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

1/2 June

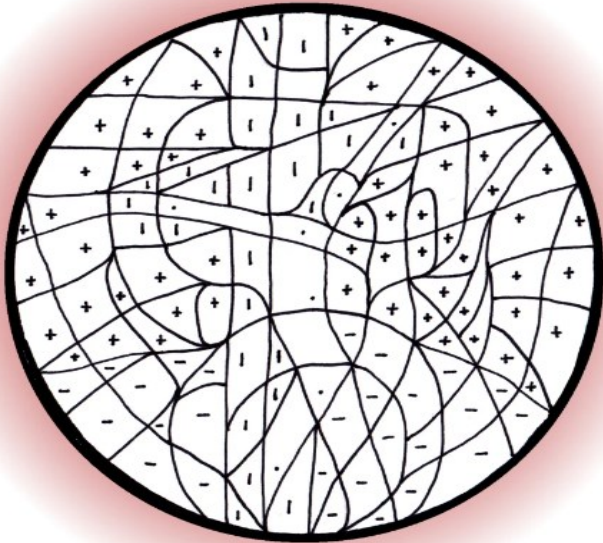
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Eugene Miu	
Ministers	Vigil: C. Gonzales, M. Simic 8am: J. Irudayaraj, F. Paiva 9.30am: G. Basili, M. Michael	
Readers	Vigil: N. Do Rosario, J. Sarmiento 8am: A. McNally, P. Ferriols 9.30am: M. Aquino, E. Pieris	
Altar Servers	Vigil: E. Reardon, D. Sant, J. Sant 8am: Volunteers 9.30am: M. Pieris, J. Pieris, F. Wanandy	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Tongan Choir	
Musicians	Vigil: Youth for Christ 8am: Christine Woodward 9.30am: Couples for Christ	
Flowers	Fenty & Liz	
Church Cleaning	1 June	Judith Deloso, Edgardo Barcelon, Edgar Cabrera
Welcomers	Vigil: Helen Gonzales 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: S. Pieris, E. Barcelon	

8/9 June

Acolytes	Vigil: Eugene Miu 8am: Jerome Irudayaraj 9.30am: Sandy Manamperi	
Ministers	Vigil: J. Sarmiento, M. Mifsud 8am: F. Balatbat, M. Santos 9.30am: B. Chandler, M. Michael	
Readers	Vigil: A. Punch, B. Motha 8am: J. Cabasa, K. Walker 9.30am: F. Kennedy, A. Walker	
Altar Servers	Vigil: A. Bagatella, A. Laus 8am: Volunteers 9.30am: C. Attard, L. Cullii	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults	
Musicians	Vigil: OFS 8am: Christine Woodward 9.30am: Tongan Choir	
Flowers	Claudette & Judith	
Church Cleaning	8 June	Tongan Community Edgardo Barcelon, Edgar Cabrera
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Ugre 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlian, E. Barcelon	

The Kids' Bulletin

*Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ
June 2nd, 2024*



What does the bread become when the priest consecrates it at Mass?

Use the colour code to find out:

- grey · skin colour
- brown + blue

How do I receive Communion well?

1. Be ready! Think about what is going to happen. Make sure that you don't have any big sins on your soul. If you do, then go to confession first.

2. Don't eat or drink anything other than water or medicine for an hour before going to Holy Communion. This is a sign of respect for Our Lord.

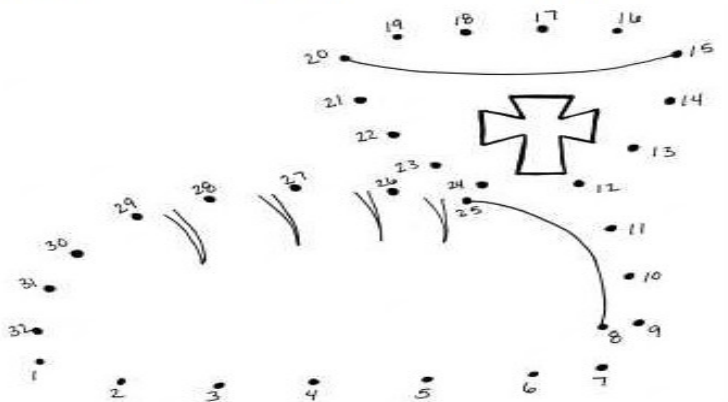
3. After receiving Holy Communion, take some time to thank Jesus for coming to you and talk to Him. He is your best friend and loves spending time with you!



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

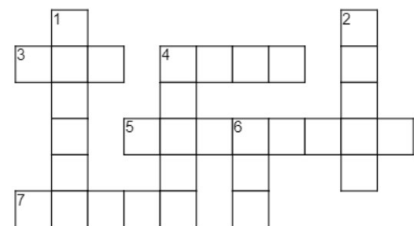
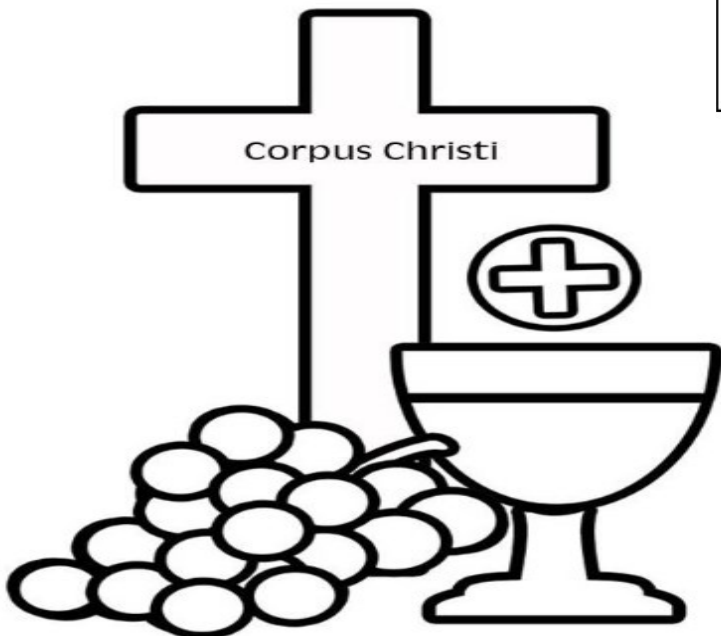
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| BREAD | EAT | THANKS |
| BROKE | MASTER | UPPER ROOM |



ANOTHER NAME FOR TODAY'S FEASTDAY IS

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ACROSS

3. A small open container usually used for drinking;
4. The whole physical structure that forms a person
5. An agreement between God and his people
7. Food made from dough of flour or meal

DOWN

1. The evening meal
2. To take liquid into the mouth and swallow it
4. The red fluid that is pumped by the heart
6. To put food into the mouth, chew it, and swallow it

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| BLOOD | BREAD | CUP | EAT |
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