

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9 June 2024 • Year B



Let us Pray for the Sick

Rico Abadam, Catherine, Elizabeth & Monika, Leonila Ahillon, Florence Arinanan, Mary Attard, Sarah Bartolo, Rosella Booth, Penny Briscoe, Alma Caguimbal, Mary Camilleri, Minda Camat Robles, Para Dias, Ronald Fountain, Renuka Fernando, Ronald Gomez, Eggay Gopez, Chmouneh Hayek, Anthony Janicska, Mary Jordan, Clare Kinsley, Paul Leong, 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@lol7hills.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, Christita Montehermoso, Rudolfo Noble, Dina Sahagun, Sr Colleen O'Sullivan, Mely Palero, Perl Perera, Maria Teresa Tiu, Wilhelmino Villaneuva.

Anniversaries: Amelita Amon, Peter & Helen Bonnici, Carmela Carboni, Maurice Camenzuli, Catherine Chandra, Aloysean Corera, Marcel Diab, Melvyn Fernandes, John Fernando, Nevis Fernando, M.A Fernando, Juliet Francis, Rita Hili, Teodoro Garcia, Christine Gomez, Josephine Gomez, Lissy, Jose & Mary Kutty, Kathleen McNamee, Cayetan Mula, Mary Muscat, Sheena Landagan, Rita Leon, Angelita & Gil Opina, Cordula Paiva, Jose Reyes, Cornelio & Iluminada Rondario, Mary Silva, Rosary Silva, Anna & Evelyn Talary, T.Thenmoli, Arsenio Laberinto Udán, S. Susainathan, Melchor Usman, Priscilla Villaneuva.

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, Mary & Sam Galea, Constance Gaycroft, Frans Gutajar, Selvam Irudayaraj, Noma Lorenzo, Apolinario Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Felina Maglaya, Mangion & Cini Family, Sashin Patrick Manamperi, Maureen & John Mead, Mary Mifsud, Joseph Mifsud, Emilia & William Mifsud, Angelo Pasco, Maria Reyes, Anton & Lourda Motha, Louis, Stephen & Joseph Mula, Francis Muscat, Felicisimo & Natalia Prahinog, John & Roseline Ratnam, Jose Sanchez, Jonathan Tek Kie, Bibiano Villaneuva, Tony Vassollo, 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



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 .

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



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FIRST READING *A reading from the book of Genesis 3:9-15*

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden,' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this,

'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak. **(R.)**

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **(R.)**

4. Because with the Lord there is mercy,
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 4:13-5:1*

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The prince of this world will now be cast out,
and when I am lifted up from the earth
I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 3:20-35*

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

The Gospel of the Lord

GOSPEL REFLECTION - 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 3:20-35

In today's Gospel, the scribes accuse Jesus of casting out demons with the help of Beelzebul, the prince of demons. Beelzebul is a form of Baal, the Canaanite god of weather who controlled the forces of nature (like thunderstorms, wind, rain, etc.). The Canaanites believed Baal sent rain and sun to make the crops grow if he was happy but destroyed the crops with drought, flood, or some other natural catastrophe if he was upset.

Baal was also the god of fertility and, because he cavorted with the goddess Astarte, temple prostitutes were part of the pagan worship ritual in his honor. To please Baal and Astarte, someone would imitate them by sleeping with the temple prostitute. It's easy to understand why Baal became a very popular god.

The Jewish people were introduced to Baal worship by their pagan neighbors. The prophets and Jewish leaders warned the Jews about the dangers of worshiping this false god but many of them gave up their faith in the one true God anyway. Faithful Jews, however, ridiculed Baal worship by first changing the god's name to Baalzebub meaning "lord of the flies" and then Baalzebul meaning "lord of dung." Eventually, Baalzebul became Beelzebul, the name in today's Gospel.

By Jesus' day, the Jews pictured Beelzebul as the very powerful prince of demons.

Ignorant about germs and bacteria, the people in biblical times believed demons caused sickness.

Therefore, they interpreted Jesus' healing miracles as exorcisms of these demons. The scribes in today's Gospel reason that Jesus gets his power to expel demons from Beelzebul, the prince of demons. This accusation didn't make much sense because it means Beelzebul was fighting against his own troops and, if this were so, his kingdom could not last.

The Gospel story ends with a surprising and shocking statement. Most people believe God will forgive all sins, no matter what they might be.

However, Jesus said one sin, the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, could not be forgiven. Although biblical scholars aren't sure what this sin is, some suggest it may be when a person says the Holy Spirit's power comes from the devil. This would be like saying God is the devil and, since the devil does not forgive sins, forgiveness would not be possible.

For Reflection -

Some people think witnessing a miracle would make their faith in Jesus stronger. However, there were many people who witnessed Jesus making the blind see, the deaf hear, and the lame walk and still did not believe in him. Faith sometimes leads to miracles but miracles do not always lead to faith. Pray today for greater faith for yourself and your family.

PARISH NEWS...

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.



PARISH THINK TANK PLANNING SESSION 12 JUNE

While Parramatta Diocese is in the process of developing a 5 year plan, we are hoping to determine our own parish priorities for the year ahead. Fr Henry and the Parish Council are prioritising the setting up of Family Groups with more details to follow upon Fr Henry's return. Meanwhile, you are invited to join the Parish Council next Wednesday 12 June at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room to look at the six themes which have been shaped by the synodal process over the last 2 years and to determine which ideas and suggestions apply to our local context. What developments would you like to support in our parish in the coming years? How can your individual personality and gifts contribute to the life of our parish? As a preparation please read the themes outlined in the draft diocesan plan on the diocesan website at parracatholic.org/synod/draftdiocesanplan. This synodal process is shaping the Church for the future. It makes for an exciting journey for us and we can make it happen. Please RSVP Eugene at eugene_miu@hotmail.com or Adrian at foggabolla1@gmail.com.

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

Fr Henry is on annual leave from the 1st of June till the end of the first week of July. During his leave this year, Frs Viet Nguyen SVD, Huong Nguyen SDB, Huy Nguyen SJ will help us with all Weekend Masses and Frs Gerarld 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. Fr Henry would be very grateful if you could remember Mr Peter Nhon Van Tran, his Dad in your prayers in the coming days for his 15th anniversary of death on 10 June 2024.

LOURDES OVER 50s GROUP

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

SALE AT THE PIETY SHOP

The Piety Shop is having a clearance sale as a means to refresh stock. Sale only items range from free to \$2. Please come have a browse after mass.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE

Your free copy of the winter edition of Catholic Outlook is now available in the Church.

MINISTRY ROSTER UPDATE:

A friendly reminder to submit your roster update details for the next 6 months by Monday 10 June. Roster Forms are 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.

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.

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.

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.

Cardinal Marengo Meet and Greet: 22 June

As part of his Australian visit through Catholic Mission, the Diocese of Parramatta is hosting Cardinal Giorgio Marengo IMC, Apostolic Prefect of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, on Saturday 22 June. Cardinal Marengo will celebrate the Vigil Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta followed by a conversation about his mission and service. The event is free, but registration is essential via <https://parracatholic.org/cardinalmarengo>

Peace, Justice and Ecology Table Talk "Refugee Week: Finding Freedom": 16 June

This Refugee Week, you are invited to a Diocesan Table Talk: Hear and discuss inspiring stories from people who have come to Australia as refugees. Participate in meaningful small group conversations and play a role in co-creating more understanding and welcome for refugees: Sunday, 16 June 2024, 11:30am - 2:30pm (after 10:30am Mass), St Andrew the Apostle Parish Marayong. A light lunch will be provided. Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/refugee-table-talk24>

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.

CYP LIFTED Retreats:

Catholic Youth Parramatta's annual LIFTED Retreat is back with a twist! This year LIFTED Retreat has transformed into 3 separate retreats, each catering to different age groups and providing opportunities for community, prayer and formation!

- 5-7 July – Ages 18-24 at Carmel House, Varroville. Cost \$150.00.
- 12 July – Ages 16-18 at The Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville. Free of charge.
- 19-21 July – Ages 25-35 at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. Cost \$150.00.

Registration is essential! Please head to the website parracatholic.org/events for more details.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

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

- 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

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.

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.

CYP Duc In Altum Leaders' Summit: 15 June

If you're an existing or new leader in Youth Ministry, then this one's for you! Join us at St Joseph's Parish in Kingswood, on Saturday 15 June from 8:30am -4:00pm, for a day of prayer, wisdom, growth and meaningful connections.

We will be joined by Phillipe Dulawan, associate director of Formation at De La Salle Brothers, to provide insight into succession planning! Register today via

<https://parracatholic.org/events/cyp-duc-in-altum-leadership-summit-15-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@catholiccarewbsm.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

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 ANGELUS

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

Today, in Italy and in other countries, we celebrate the **Solemnity of Corpus Domini**. The Gospel of the liturgy today tells us about the Last Supper (*Mk 14:12-26*), during which the Lord performs a gesture of handing over: in fact, in the broken bread and in the chalice offered to the disciples, it is He who gives Himself for all humanity, and offers Himself for the life of the world.

In that gesture of Jesus who breaks the bread, there is an important aspect that the Gospel emphasizes with the words “he gave it to them” (v. 22). Let us fix these words in our heart: *he gave it to them*. Indeed, the Eucharist recalls first and foremost the dimension of the gift. Jesus takes the bread not to consume it by Himself, but to break it and give it to the disciples, thus revealing His identity and His mission. He did not keep life for Himself, but gave it to us; He did not consider His being as God a jealously-held treasure, but stripped Himself of His glory to share our humanity and let us enter eternal life (cf. *Phil 2:1-11*). Jesus made a gift of His entire life. Let us remember this: Jesus made a gift of His entire life.

Let us understand, then, that that celebrating the Eucharist and eating this Bread, as we do especially on Sundays, is not an act of worship detached from life or a mere moment of personal consolation; we must always remember that Jesus took the bread, *broke it and gave it to them* and, therefore, communion with Him makes us capable of also becoming bread broken for others, capable of sharing what we are and what we have. Saint Leo the Great said: ‘Our participation in the body and blood of Christ tends to make us become what we eat’ (*Sermon XII on the Passion, 7*).

This, brothers and sisters, is what we are called to: to become what we eat, to become “Eucharistic”, that is, people who no longer live for themselves (cf. *Rm 14:7*), no, in the logic of possession, of consumption, no, people who know how to make their own life a gift for others, yes. In this way, thanks to the Eucharist, we become prophets and builders of a new world: when we overcome selfishness and open ourselves up to love, when we cultivate bonds of fraternity, when we participate in the sufferings of our brothers and sisters and share bread and resources with those in need, when we make all our talents available, then we are breaking the bread of our life like Jesus.

Brothers and sisters, let us ask ourselves, then: do I keep my life only for myself, or do I give it like Jesus? Do I spend myself for others or am I closed within my own little self? And, in everyday situations, do I know how to share, or do I always seek my own interest?

May the Virgin Mary, who welcomed Jesus, bread descended from Heaven, and gave herself entirely together with Him, help us too to become a gift of love, united with Jesus in the Eucharist.

After the Angelus

Dear brothers and sisters!

I invite you to pray for Sudan, where the war that has been going on for over a year still has not found a peaceful solution. May the weapons be silenced and, with the commitment of the local authorities and the international community, help be brought to the population and the many displaced people; may the Sudanese refugees find welcome and protection in neighbouring countries.

And let us not forget tormented Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Myanmar. I appeal to the wisdom of governors to cease the escalation and to put every effort into dialogue and negotiation. I greet pilgrims from Rome and various parts of Italy and the world, especially those from Croatia and Madrid. I greet the faithful of Bellizzi and Iglesias, the “Luigi Padovese” Cultural Centre of Cucciago, the postulants of the Daughters of the Oratory, and the “Pedal for those who cannot” group, who have come by bicycle from Faenza to Rome. I greet the young people of the *Immacolata*.

I wish you all a good Sunday. Please, do not forget to pray for me. Enjoy your lunch, and *arrivederci!*

GREETING OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE INTERRELIGIOUS CONFERENCE OF THE FOCOLARE MOVEMENT 3 June 2024

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

I greet the President of the Focolare Movement, to whom I say that I am praying very much for your country which is suffering at this time. I also warmly welcome all the participants in this Interreligious Conference. I express my gratitude for the perseverance with which the Work of Mary continues the journey begun by Chiara Lubich, fostering unity with people of non-Christian religions who share the spirituality of unity. This was a revolutionary journey that did much good for the Church. It is an experience animated by the Holy Spirit, rooted, we can say, in the heart of Christ, in his thirst for love, communion and fraternity.

Indeed, it is the Spirit who opens paths of dialogue and encounter, at times surprising ones. This happened more than fifty years ago in Algeria, when an all-Muslim community adhering to the Movement was born. It also happened with Chiara Lubich’s meetings with leaders of various religions: Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, Jews, Sikhs, and others. This dialogue has flourished over time, as evidenced by your presence today.

The foundation of this experience is the love of God expressed through mutual love, listening, trust, hospitality and getting to know one another, all the while fully respecting each other’s identities. Over time, friendship and cooperation have grown in seeking to respond together to the cry of the poor, in caring for creation and in working for peace. Through this journey, some non-Christian brothers and sisters have shared in the spirituality of the Work of Mary, or in some of its characteristic traits, and live according to them amongst their own people. With these men and women, we transcend dialogue, we feel like brothers and sisters, sharing the dream of a more united world, in the harmony of diversity.

Dear friends, your witness is a source of joy and a source of consolation, especially in this time of conflict, when religion is often misused in order to fuel division. Indeed, interreligious dialogue “is a necessary condition for peace in the world, and so it is a duty for Christians as well as other religious communities” (*Evangelii Gaudium, 250*). I encourage you, then, to move forward and always be open.

May the Lord bless all of you. May he grant his blessing to each one of you, for the Lord is close to us all. May the Lord bless you. Amen.

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

2. "The wind blows where it wishes". Where there is the Spirit of God, there is freedom

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

In today's catechesis, I would like to reflect with you on the name by which the Holy Spirit is called in the Bible.

The first thing we know of a person is the name. It is by his name that we address him, that we distinguish him, and remember him. The third Person of the Trinity also has a name: He is called the Holy Spirit. But "Spirit" is the Latinised version. The name of the Spirit, the one by which the first recipients of revelation knew Him, by which the prophets, the psalmists, Mary, Jesus, and the Apostles invoked Him, is *Ruach*, which means breath, wind, a puff of air.

In the Bible, the name is so important that it is almost identified with the person himself. To sanctify the name of God is to sanctify and honour God Himself. It is never a merely conventional designation: it always says something about the person, his origin, or his mission. This is also the case with the name *Ruach*. It contains the first fundamental revelation about the Person and function of the Holy Spirit.

It was by observing the wind and its manifestations that the biblical writers were led by God to discover a "wind" of a different nature. It is not by accident that at Pentecost the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles accompanied by the 'roar of a rushing wind' (cf. *Acts 2:2*). It was as if the Holy Spirit wanted to put his signature on what was happening.

What, then, does His name, *Ruach*, tell us about the Holy Spirit? The image of the wind serves first of all to express the *power* of the Holy Spirit. "Spirit and power" or "power of the Spirit" is a recurring combination throughout the Bible. For the wind is an overwhelming force, an indomitable force, capable even of moving oceans.

Again, however, to discover the full meaning of the realities of the Bible, one must not stop at the Old Testament, but come to Jesus. Alongside power, Jesus will highlight another characteristic of the wind: its *freedom*. To Nicodemus, who visits Him at night, Jesus says solemnly: "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit" (*Jn 3:8*).

The wind is the only thing that absolutely cannot be bridled, cannot be "bottled up" or put in a box. We seek to "bottle up" the wind or put it in a box: it's not possible. It is free. To pretend to enclose the Holy Spirit in concepts, definitions, theses or treatises, as modern rationalism has sometimes attempted to do, is to lose it, nullify it, or reduce it to the purely human spirit, to a simple spirit. There is, however, a similar temptation in the ecclesiastical field, and it is that of wanting to enclose the Holy Spirit in canons, institutions, definitions. The Spirit creates and animates institutions, but He himself cannot be "institutionalised," "objectified". The wind blows "where it wills," so the Spirit distributes its gifts "as it wills" (*1 Cor 12:11*).

St Paul will make this the fundamental law of Christian action. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom (*2 Cor 3:17*), he says. A free person, a free Christian, is the one who has the Spirit of the Lord. This is a very special freedom, quite different from what is commonly understood. It is not freedom to do what one wants, but the freedom to freely do what God wants! Not freedom to do good or evil, but freedom to do good and do it freely, that is, by attraction, not compulsion. In other words, the freedom of children, not slaves.

Saint Paul is well aware of the abuse or misunderstanding that can be made of this freedom. To the Galatians he writes, "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as a pretext for the flesh, but through love serve one another" (*Gal 5:13*). This is a freedom that expresses itself in what appears to be its opposite, it is expressed in service, and in service is true freedom.

We know well when this freedom becomes a "pretext for the flesh." Paul gives an ever relevant list: "exual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these" (*Gal 5:19-21*). But so too is the freedom that allows the rich to exploit the poor, an ugly freedom that allows the strong to exploit the weak, and everyone to exploit the environment with impunity. And this is an ugly freedom, it is not the freedom of the Spirit.

Brothers and sisters, where do we draw this freedom of the Spirit, so contrary to the freedom of selfishness? The answer is in the words Jesus addressed one day to His listeners: "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (*John 8:36*).

The freedom that Jesus gives us. Let us ask Jesus to make us, through His Holy Spirit, truly free men and women. Free to serve, in love and joy. Thank you.

Special Greetings

I extend a warm welcome to the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's Audience, especially the groups from England, Scotland, the Netherlands, Cameroon, Australia, Malaysia, Canada and the United States of America. Upon all of you, and upon your families, I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you!

Summary of the Holy Father's words

Dear brothers and sisters: In our ongoing catechesis on the Spirit and the Bride, we now centre our attention on the Biblical name of Holy Spirit, which in Hebrew is *Ruach*, meaning breath, wind, or spirit. This name highlights the Spirit's profound power and freedom. Jesus likens the Spirit to the wind that blows where it wills, thus emphasizing the freedom of the Holy Spirit, who not only creates and inspires but always remains free, bestowing his gifts "as he wills" (*1 Cor 12:11*). Saint Paul affirms this, stating: "Now the Lord is Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (*2 Cor 3:17*). This freedom is given to us as a gift so that we can do God's will, rather than merely following our personal desires. Where do we attain this freedom of the Spirit, so contrary to the spirit of selfishness? The answer is in the words that Jesus spoke to his followers: "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed" (*Jn 8:36*). Let us ask Jesus, through his Holy Spirit, to make us truly free. Free to serve with love and joy.

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: Luminare Young Adults Group

The next group night will be 21st June. If you would like more information please kindly contact Laura Bellissimo: 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 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.

OLOL PARISH CALENDAR

June

10	Public Holiday—King's Birthday	
12	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting / Think Tank Session	7.30pm
13	Lourdes Over 50's Meeting	10.30am
21	Lourdes: Luminare Young Adults Group Night	6.30pm

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

8/9 June

Acolytes	Vigil: Eugene Miu 8am: Louis Fernandes 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. Cullili	
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	

15/16 June

Acolytes	Vigil: Daniel La Guidara 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am: Ryan Epondulan	
Ministers	Vigil: J. Dining, L. La Guidara 8am: Frank Paiva 9.30am: C. Brooks, P. Gow	
Readers	Vigil: B. Motha, J. Sarmiento 8am: M. Santos, P. Ferriols 9.30am: N. Arambulo, C. Diaz	
Altar Servers	Vigil: A. La Guidara, C. La Guidara, S. Thoms 8am: Volunteers 9.30am: S. Cullili, J. Martinez, L. Sadipoor	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Parish Pastoral Council	
Musicians	Vigil: K. Thoms & C.W 8am: Christine Woodward 9.30am: Maximilian Chorale	
Flowers	Fennie & Angela	
Church Cleaning	20 June	Cathy Hutchings Edgardo Barcelon Annette Peatman
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Edgardo Barcelon	

The Kids' Bulletin

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 9th, 2024

Family Ties

"Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Mark 3:35 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 3:20-35



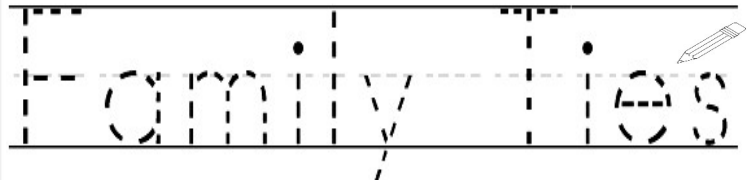
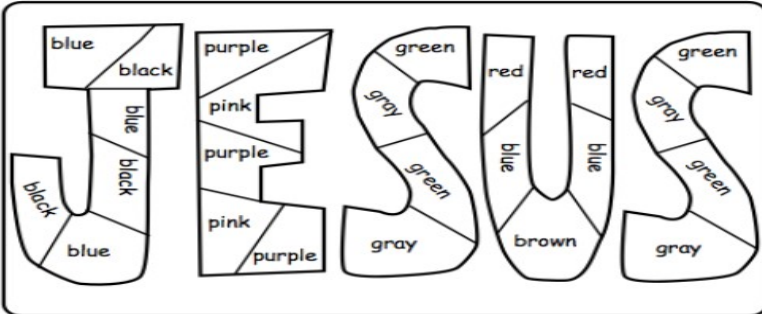
In today's first reading Adam and Eve tried to hide from God because they had sinned and were ashamed.

But God still loved them and He came and talked to them.

Can you find them?

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