

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

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## 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15 September 2024 • Year B



### Let us Pray for the Sick

Rico Abadam, Leonila Ahillon, Florence Arinanan, Mary Attard, Rodney Bell, Sarah Bartolo, Rosella Booth, Aiden Chan, Esther Caputo, Lawrence Charles, Ben Dixon, Alma Caguimbal, Mary Camilleri, Para Dias, Ronald Fountain, Renuka Fernando, Chmouneh Hayek, Anthony Janicska, Mary Jordan, Clare Kinsley, Paul Leong, Elizabeth Livio, Josephine Lord, Bob & Therese Marini, Blago Milicevic, Zeferino Jayson Morales, Carlos Mureno, Maricar Poblete, Debra Price, Camy Ratnam, Eustace Ratnam, Sue Tiplado, Evelyn Villanueva, 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](mailto:secretary@olol7hills.com.au)

We can also arrange for Holy Communion or a visit if required.

### Let us Pray for the Deceased

**Recently Deceased:** Joggy Almodovar, Emma Barriom, John Bartolo, Vivienne Cameron, Barrie Chamberlain, Murial Chary, Dulcie Duraisamy, Sandra Eichhorn, Henrieta Fernando, Jasmin Fernando, Ethan Garcia, Ricardo Garcia, Cynthia Lopez, Viliami Kalosipani Siale, Michael Scott, Jim Walker, David Waring, Kilini Veamatahau

**Anniversaries:** Maria Olympia Almodovar, Sydney Azie, Horace Baptist, Ronald Barley, Peter & Helen Bonnici, Kristylen Cayabyab, Catherine Chandra, John Soo Choon, Aloysean Corera, Josephine Cortis, Emmanuel Falzon, John Fernando, Nevis Fernando, M.A Fernando, Josefa Flores, Juliet Francis, Charlie Galea, Anthony Garcia, Teodoro Garcia, Zenaida Garcia, Christine Gomez, Josephine Gomez, Lissy, Jose & Mary Kutty, Soledad Leong, Laurence Morrissey, Lyn Morrissey, Joseph Mula, Tony Muscat, Rita Leon, Sheena Landagan, Mary Moore, Cordula Paiva, Serge Pasin, Adrian Pereira, Jose Reyes, Cornelio & Iluminada Rondario, Michael Sant, Mary Silva, Rosary Silva, Caroline Susainathan, Bibiano Villanueva, Melchor Usman, Dionisio Udan, Members of the Falzon & Muscat families, Mary Zammit.

**Remembrance:** Fe Abadiano, Neil Amaratunga, France Angseeing, Carmen Attard, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Sam Borg, Myrna Cruz, Saviour Caruana, Fe Licup Carmen, Tania McGove, Sam & Silvia Debattista, Carmen, Jimmy, Antonio, Tania, Vicki, Louie, Joe & Launcer De Guire, Nevis Fernando, Maximilian & Julian Epondulan, Sam Gabo, Mary & Sam Galea, Evangelina Garcia, Leandro Snr Garcia, Jose Garcia, Constance Gaycroft, Frans Gutajar, Selvam Irudayaraj, Melvyn Fernandes, Apolinario & Felina Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Mangion & Cini Family, Salvatore Loria, Rosa Mancina, Michael (Mike) McNamee, Maureen & John Mead, Mary Mifsud, Joseph Mifsud, Emilia & William Mifsud, Sashin Patrick Manamperi, Anton & Lourda Motha, Louis, Stephen & Joseph Mula, Charles Muscat, Mary & Francis Muscat, John & Roseline Ratnam, Jonathan Tek Kie, Tony Vassollo, Shane Vaz, Priscilla Villanueva, Jim Vella, Vinnie Zahra.

### 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 EFTPOS Terminals** are for the support of Priests throughout the Diocese.

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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

**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 with 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](http://www.olol7hills.org.au)



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**FIRST READING** *A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 50:5-9*

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**(R) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

1. I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. **(R.)**

3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me. **(R.)**

2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R.)**

4. He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. **(R.)**

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**SECOND READING** *A reading from the letter of St James 2:14-18*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 8:27-35*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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Dear friends,

'Inconsistency on the part of pastors and the faithful between what they say and what they do, between word and manner of life, is undermining the church's credibility.' This is the quote from Pope Francis and he was right in pointing out the danger the Church has to face in terms of credibility if her members both Church authority and lay people fail to be consistent between their words and actions, and I tend to agree with the pope's comment due to what I have experienced in the Church.

There have been times I was completely lost for words, when people appear to be so holy in church suddenly turn into a beast because of trivial matters. These people obviously fail to meet St James' standard about what it means to be the people of faith, that they need to prove their profession of a living faith through their good works, and without good works it is a dead faith. In other words, good deeds would serve as key factors to determine whether someone truly believes in God.

Some of us then might pose the question of what faith is truly about, and the answer could be found in what Peter told Jesus in the Gospel today when asked by Jesus who he was. 'You are the Christ (the Anointed),' said Peter. This is Peter's profession of faith proclaiming Jesus as the Son of God sent to bring us salvation, and such a faith according to Jesus in the following parts of the Gospel account requires his disciples to renounce themselves, embrace the suffering the Cross symbolizes and commit themselves in following the footsteps of Jesus. These requirements perhaps are the good deeds St James talked about earlier in the second reading aimed to encourage people in his community to show their faith in Jesus by means of their concrete actions.

Let us pray the grace to help us profess our faith in Jesus not just in words, but also in the works we do for others to show our genuine love and care for them, and also for us to demonstrate our self-renouncing effort making us better followers of Jesus every day.

Have a faith-filled week,  
Fr Henry

## PARISH NEWS...

### REPORT FROM THE LAST PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting started with a reflection upon the Settlers and Pioneers theologies highlighting the differences between Church members in the ways we look at the Church and this article is made available for our parishioners to read this weekend. As usual, there were reports from various groups in the parish and a good amount of time was given to talk about the Family Group movement we are going to introduce to this community.

### THE PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT:

The *Passionist Family Group Movement (PFGM)* began in Australia over 50 years ago to meet a very evident need for parishioners and to get to know one another and so build a strong community sense and commitment to each other. The idea is that you meet with other parishioners occasionally for low cost or no cost outings. These gatherings, in turn, enrich your experience of the Parish formal celebrations and services. The motto of the Family Group Movement is "a family for all". You don't have to be a Catholic, a parent, old or young, married, or single - you just have to be yourself! If you do have kids, they really enjoy it, and you are able to share life's adventures and trials with the support of a caring community. Your Parish Pastoral Council has decided to start this initiative as an important strategy in connecting parishioners with the broader parish family. Dennis Farrar, a promoter of the *Passionist Family Group Movement*, will be speaking to us at all Masses on the weekend of the September 28/29 and extending an invitation to join. If you're interested in joining or want to know more, simply contact the parish office ([secretary@olol7hills.com.au](mailto:secretary@olol7hills.com.au)) or check out the PFGM website [www.pfgm.org](http://www.pfgm.org).

### AN IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please show your deepest respect for our House of God at Seven Hills by not bringing any food into the church, that includes the crying room. Parents are always encouraged to bring soft toys and crayons for children to work with our weekly bulletin.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the children in our parish making their First Holy Communion this year, especially those who will receive Holy Communion for the first time at 11.30am Mass this Sunday 15 September. May the Lord they receive fill their heart with joy and happiness, and keep them always in his love and under his protection.

### SERVING AS MINISTERS OF THE WORD

For those who wish to become Readers or ministers of the Word, please fill out the Parish Groups form and return to Fr Henry. A Formation course shall be conducted on Tuesday 26 September at 7pm in our church.

### NEW SMART DEVICES

As you may have noticed at the side entrance of the church, we have 2 new Smart Device machines that have replaced the obsolete 3G Matt's Point Quest devices. All donations made via these new machines are shared 50/50 with our Diocese. Thank you for your continued support.

### SEASON OF CREATION 1ST SEPTEMBER - 4TH OCTOBER

Caring for our Common Home. Pope Francis, in *Laudato Si*, wrote "Humanity is called to recognise the need for a change of lifestyle." (23) This change begins at home. This week take a look at your buying habits and consider how much is really necessary. Since everything you buy needs energy for the materials, the production and transport, they add to the use of fossil fuels. Every purchase is potentially contributing to Climate Change. As a family, discuss your consumer actions. Find helpful advice such as in these websites: <https://www.un.org/en/actnow/ten-actions> and <https://www.climatechange.environment.nsw.gov.au/households/reducing-household-impact>

### SEASON OF CREATION

Come join us Social Justice group for a zoom chat on Tuesday nights 7:30pm for the season. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77961144291> [pwd=uuA7kg3VVtA9SVQBpoQNvp5o4Jso9Y.1](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77961144291?pwd=uuA7kg3VVtA9SVQBpoQNvp5o4Jso9Y.1) or Meeting ID: 779 6114 4291 Passcode: francis



## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Positions Vacant:

- Development Manager – Property Services, Diocese of Parramatta.
- Lead Facilitator of Diocesan Plan Implementation – Diocese of Parramatta **Applications close 25 September**
- Marriage Facilitator – Diocese of Parramatta **Applications close 3 October**

More details at: [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](http://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)

### Calling all Year 12 Students!

The annual HSC exams are just around the corner! We invite you to attend your local HSC Mass, where you'll join countless other students from across the Diocese in prayer for those undertaking their final exams. Masses will be held during the weekend of 5-6 October 2024. During the Mass, you will receive a blessing along with a small gift. Keep an eye on your parish bulletin in the coming weeks for more details.

### Glenmore Park St Padre Pio Feast Day Celebrations

Everyone is invited to join Glenmore Park Parish for the parochial feast of St Padre Pio.

The parish will be celebrating a three day Triduum:

- Thursday 19 September – 7.00pm Novena to St Padre Pio and Mass
- Friday 20 September – 7.00pm Novena to St Padre Pio and Mass
- Saturday 21 September – 5.30pm Novena to St Padre Pio and Vigil Mass

With the feast day celebrations on Sunday 22 September from 10am with a solemn procession with the relic, Mass, veneration and blessing of the relic. For enquiries, contact the parish office on (02) 4789 2232

or [glenmorepark@parracatholic.org](mailto:glenmorepark@parracatholic.org)

### MET FaithLIFE Spirituality Short Course:

#### Starting 17 September

Searching for a deeper understanding of spirituality? Hoping to find renewed ways of expressing your faith? Wanting to further discern God's call in your life? Sign up now for the 3 session FaithLIFE Spirituality short course with spiritual director Jeff Hood on Tuesdays 17 SEP + 24 SEP + 1 OCT! Registration and more dates and details via QR or get in touch with the team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)



SCAN ME

### Thank you for caring for our retired priests' health and wellbeing

Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal will provide much-needed care and support for those who have dedicated their lives to serving our community. Your generosity and love ensure they receive the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve during their retirement. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you.



### Catholic Schools Bishop Manning Support Fund

Would you like your child to receive a Catholic education but are worried that your family cannot afford it? Please consider applying for a bursary that will cover the school fees, the cost of uniforms and equipment for primary or secondary school students for up to four years of enrolment. The fund, named in honour of the recently deceased Bishop Kevin Manning, is a Diocesan charity that seeks to ensure all families who want a Catholic education for their child can receive one. Please scan this code

**Applications close 18 October**



### Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 28 September at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys for Modules 1-3. More training opportunities will be available throughout September and October. Please register directly for this training or for other dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email:

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## LOLO SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Our Parish fundamentally agree that the Right of Children and Young People to be heard and taken seriously is one of the central Rights of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. This Right is embedded in the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, the NSW Child Safe Standards, the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, and in Archdiocesan and Diocesan policies to which we at OLOL Parish adhere to.

### Visiting Clergy to OLOL

The visiting clergy to our church last weekend all upheld the standards and processes we here at OLOL have put in place to ensure the safety of our community.

### Supporting the Safety of Our Community

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

### Working With Children Check Reminder

Here at OLOL Parish all our volunteers and staff have had a WWCC. It is important that your current WWCC number is renewed rather than applying for a new Check. If your WWCC is due to expire and you have not received an email from the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian, please contact the OCG for further information. NB: If you have forgotten your WWCC number or are unsure which email address your WWCC number is registered to, please contact the OCG on (02) 92867219.

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

Thank you to Maria Kervin from the Safeguarding Office at Parramatta Diocese and all those who attended the training for the renewal modules 4-5 on the 31st of August here at OLOL. If missed this face to face training, you can complete these modules independently at times convenient to you via <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>.

## POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE TO TIMORESE YOUTH: FREEDOM MEANS CHOOSING TO RESPECT OTHERS

By Devin Watkins



Pope Francis concludes his three-day visit to Timor-Leste by meeting with young people, and urges them to be responsible and free protagonists of the future of their nation. "I have two words of advice for you: make a mess and respect your elders!" Pope Francis offered those words of advice on Wednesday as he met with the young people of Timor-Leste in the capital, Dili. The encounter was held at the Congress Centre and was the final public event of the Holy Father's Apostolic Journey to Timor-Leste. In his address, the Pope noted that young people make up a clear majority of the population of 1.4 million, of whom over 95% are Catholic, praising their enthusiasm in living the faith. Pope Francis said he would never forget the smiles he found on the faces of the Timorese people. He also invited Timorese youth to recall the sacrifices their forefathers made in laying the foundations of the nation, and took the opportunity to urge them to respect their elders. A society, he noted, has two treasures: young people and the elderly. "The children and the elderly," said the Pope. "A society that has so many children like you must take care of them. And one that has so many elderly, who are the memory, must respect and care for them." Pope Francis spoke briefly about the three values of "freedom, commitment, and fraternity." He recalled a saying in the *Tetum* language of Timor-Leste—"ukun rasik-an" which means "everyone is able to govern themselves." The Pope said young people should recall the true meaning and purpose of freedom. "To be free does not mean doing what we want," he said, noting that freedom means respecting others and caring for our common home. He also recalled the value of "fraternity" and the importance of reconciliation. "You, in this smiling country, have a wonderful history of heroism, faith, martyrdom, and above all, faith and reconciliation," he said. Pope Francis concluded his meeting with young Timorese by urging them to recall the example that Jesus gave in forgiveness and reconciliation.

### POPE FRANCIS DISCUSSES PRAYER AND VOCATION WITH JESUITS IN SINGAPORE By Salvatore Cernuzio - Singapore

On the first day of his Apostolic Journey to Singapore, Pope Francis' only appointment was a "warm and fraternal" meeting with his Jesuit brothers serving in the country. The figures of Matteo Ricci and Father Pedro Arrupe, beacons for the Society of Jesus and the Universal Church, accompanied Pope Francis' hour-long dialogue with Singapore's Jesuits on Wednesday afternoon. The Pope arrived in the island state a few hours earlier for the fourth and final leg of his 45th Apostolic Journey abroad. It was a day dedicated to rest, except for the meeting with his brother Jesuits, the third of his trip to Southeast Asia and Oceania. The first was held in Jakarta, on 4 September, with 200 Jesuits; the second yesterday, in Dili, with about 40 members of the Society of Jesus.

**A family meeting** On Wednesday, in a hall at the St Francis Xavier Retreat Centre, situated on a hill half an hour from the city and commercial heart of Singapore, there were 25 Jesuits of different ages, mainly Singaporeans but also some from other areas, such as Malaysia.

"There were some young men, even one newly ordained, and some older ones, some sick. The Pope was very sweet with them," said Father Antonio Spadaro, Undersecretary of the Dicastery for Culture and Education, who has accompanied the Pope on this visit and was present at the meeting.

"The meeting lasted an hour as usual. And as usual, it was a very warm, fraternal meeting... the Pope wanted to keep speaking. It seemed that he did not want to leave this very intimate and family-like atmosphere."

The photos, circulated by Fr. Spadaro himself on his X account, show a smiling and relaxed Pope Francis. The priest said the Pope immediately opened the floor for questions. The topics were varied and demanding, beginning with the challenges that await the Church in this time and in these lands.

"The Pope made it clear that faith must enter into human challenges, and stressed the importance of Asia today as a key continent," Fr. Spadaro explained. "So Jesuits are called to live in this place, which presents very peculiar challenges."

### POPE FRANCIS REMINDS YOUNG PEOPLE THEY ARE 'LIFE, HOPE AND FUTURE' By Linda Bordoni - Singapore

Among the highlights during every leg of Pope Francis' apostolic visits, are his rather "informal" meetings with young people.

As I was leaving the Convention Centre in Dili, Pope Francis, true to form, stayed behind to connect with the crowd. His flight to Singapore was delayed by about 45 minutes! It struck me that during almost every trip, he ends his journey by spending time with young people.

In Timor-Leste, where the majority of the population is under 35, he tossed aside his prepared speech and just talked with them, answering their questions. He gave them advice on how to navigate life, technology, and family. And, of course, he reminded them of their huge responsibility as they represent a call to "life, hope and the future." This, he said, "is why young people must commit."

Before taking off in Papua New Guinea, he spoke to over 10,000 young people in a stadium. His message? "The world needs your dreams and courage." He expressed joy for having spent time in the country "where the ocean meets the sky," where over 800 different languages are spoken. A country inhabited by many young people to whom he said: "I did not want to leave here without meeting you, because you are the hope for the future."

And in Jakarta, a day before he left, (for logistic reasons I presume), he spoke about interreligious harmony and fraternity encouraging the youth to live up to Indonesia's promise of "Harmony in Diversity".

Together, they even planted a mangrove tree, symbolizing their shared commitment to protect the environment.

Now, here in Singapore, it's his final stop before heading back to Rome. I'm sure, as always, he'll leave them with a message of hope and a reminder to take action—for the planet, and for humanity.

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**BULL OF INDICTION OF THE ORDINARY JUBILEE OF THE YEAR 2025**  
**FRANCIS BISHOP OF ROME SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD**  
**TO ALL WHO READ THIS LETTER MAY HOPE FILL YOUR HEARTS**

24. Hope finds its supreme witness in *the Mother of God*. In the Blessed Virgin, we see that hope is not naive optimism but a gift of grace amid the realities of life. Like every mother, whenever Mary looked at her Son, she thought of his future. Surely she kept pondering in her heart the words spoken to her in the Temple by the elderly Simeon: "This child is destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed, so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too" (*Lk 2:34-35*). At the foot of the cross, she witnessed the passion and death of Jesus, her innocent son. Overwhelmed with grief, she nonetheless renewed her "fiat", never abandoning her hope and trust in God. In this way, Mary cooperated for our sake in the fulfilment of all that her Son had foretold in announcing that he would have to "undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again" (*Mk 8:31*). In the travail of that sorrow, offered in love, Mary became our Mother, the Mother of Hope. It is not by chance that popular piety continues to invoke the Blessed Virgin as *Stella Maris*, a title that bespeaks the sure hope that, amid the tempests of this life, the Mother of God comes to our aid, sustains us and encourages us to persevere in hope and trust.

In this regard, I would note that the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City is preparing to celebrate, in 2031, the fifth centenary of Our Lady's first apparition. Through Juan Diego, the Mother of God brought a revolutionary message of hope that she continues to bring to every pilgrim and all the faithful: "Am I not here, who am your Mother?" That message continues to touch hearts in the many Marian shrines throughout the world, where countless pilgrims commend to the holy Mother of God their cares, their sorrows and their hopes. During the Jubilee Year, may these shrines be sacred places of welcome and privileged spaces for the rebirth of hope. I encourage all pilgrims to Rome to spend time in prayer in the Marian shrines of the City, in order to venerate the Blessed Mother and to implore her protection. I am confident that everyone, especially the suffering and those most in need, will come to know the closeness of Mary, the most affectionate of mothers, who never abandons her children and who, for the holy people of God, is "a sign of certain hope and comfort".

25. In our journey towards the Jubilee, let us return to Scripture and realize that it speaks to us in these words: "May we who have taken refuge in him be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us. We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered" (*Heb 6:18-20*). Those words are a forceful encouragement for us never to lose the hope we have been given, to hold fast to that hope and to find in God our refuge and our strength.

The image of the anchor is eloquent; it helps us to recognize the stability and security that is ours amid the troubled waters of this life, provided we entrust ourselves to the Lord Jesus. The storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death. This hope, which transcends life's fleeting pleasures and the achievement of our immediate goals, makes us rise above our trials and difficulties, and inspires us to keep pressing forward, never losing sight of the grandeur of the heavenly goal to which we have been called.

The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation. May the witness of believers be for our world a leaven of authentic hope, a harbinger of new heavens and a new earth (cf. *2 Pet 3:13*), where men and women will dwell in justice and harmony, in joyful expectation of the fulfilment of the Lord's promises.

Let us even now be drawn to this hope! Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: "Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!" (*Pss 27:14*). May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever.

*Given in Rome, at Saint John Lateran, on 9 May, the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the year 2024, the twelfth of my Pontificate.*

## 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](http://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 10th October 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 in October. If you would like more information please contact Ian Epondulan: [youtholol7h@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### PIETY SHOP

Located at the back of the church. Please come have a browse after mass.

### 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](mailto: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

#### September

18	Baptism Meeting	7.30pm
22	First Holy Communion Presentation & Morning Tea	9.30am
26	Last Day School Term 3	

## OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

### 14/15 September

Acolytes	Vigil: Derick Soares 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am: Ramzee Michael	
Ministers	Vigil: N. Shami, M. Mifsud 8am: F. Paiva, A. McNally 9.30am: M. Michael, P. Gow	
Readers	Vigil: N. Do Rosario, M. Simic 8am: P. Ferriols, M. Santos 9.30am: N. Arambulo, A. Han	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Saoirse, Sebastian & Leonardo Costello 8am: H. Winter, K. Cassaniti, Volunteer 9.30am: Volunteer	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Parish Pastoral Council	
Musicians	Vigil: K. Thoms 8am: Fr. Henry & C. Clarke 9.30am: Maximilian Chorale	
Flowers	Fennie & Angela	
Church Cleaning	19 Sept	Cathy Hutchings Annette Peatman Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Edgardo Barcelon	

### 21/22 September

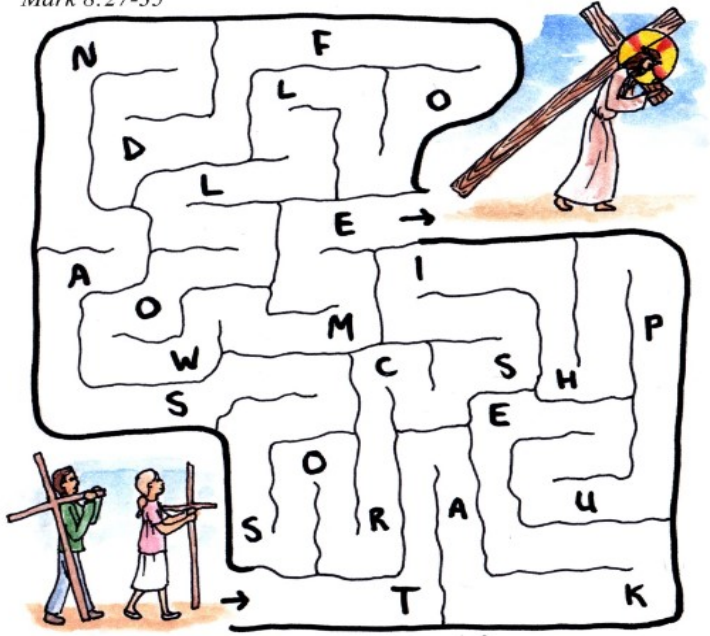
Acolytes	Vigil: Frank Paiva 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am: Kilifi Huihui	
Ministers	Vigil: H. Gonzales, C. Gonzales 8am: L. Fernandes, B. Motha 9.30am: C. Brooks, K. Huihui	
Readers	Vigil: J. Sarmiento, T. Perak 8am: A. McNally, S. Manamperi 9.30am: C. Diaz, E. Miu	
Altar Servers	Vigil: A. Monteiro, C. Bellamin, J. Hoang 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Volunteer	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Couples for Christ	
Musicians	Vigil: Nina's Group 8am: Fr. Henry 9.30am: Nina's Group	
Flowers	Annette & Mary B.	
Church Cleaning	25 Sept	Jessie Borg Anne McNally Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Chrisha Gonzales 8am: Anne McNally 9.30am: Georgina Basili	



# The Kids' Bulletin

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 15th, 2024

Mark 8:27-35



Use the letters that you pass going through the maze to fill in the blanks:

*In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the apostles, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and*

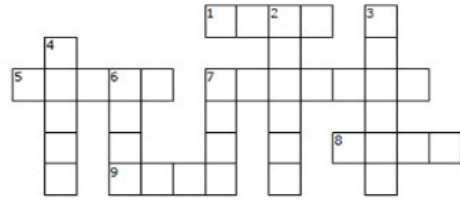
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## Take Up Your Cross

What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Mark 8:36  
Based on Mark 8:34-37



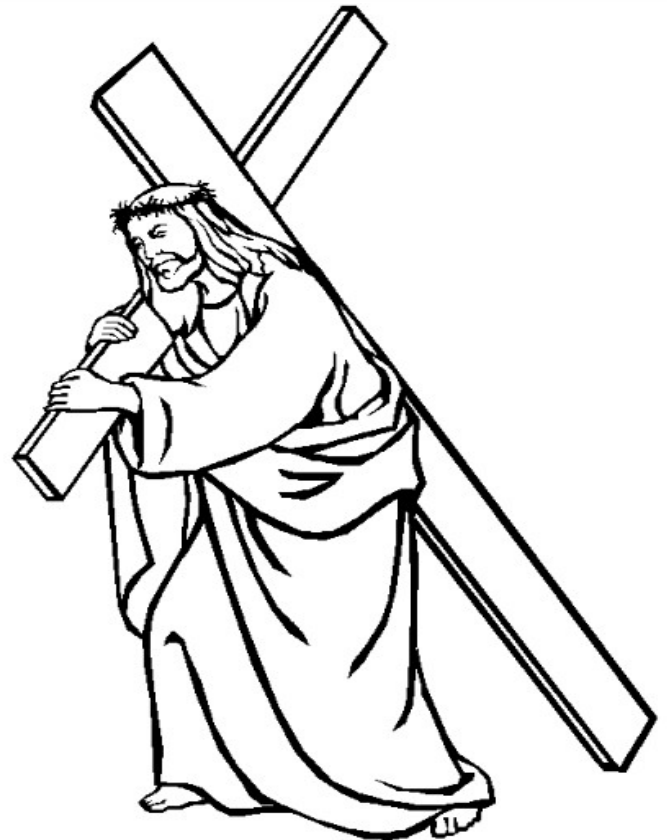
### ACROSS

- The period between birth and death
- The object upon which Jesus was crucified
- To care about what you want without thinking of others
- To refuse to allow yourself something
- To no longer have something because it has been taken away

### DOWN

- To be guided by someone else; to go behind
- The teachings of Jesus and the Apostles
- A large number of people gathered together
- The part of a person that continues to live after a person dies
- To keep someone or something safe from harm

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GOSPEL	LOSE	SAVE	CROSS	DENY



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"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."  
Mark 8:34b