

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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Let us Pray for the Sick

Rick Abadam, Leonila Ahillon, Florence Arinanan, Mary Attard, Rodney Bell, Sarah Bartolo, Rosella Booth, Esther Caputo, Lawrence Charles, Ben Dixon, Alma Caguimbal, Mary Camilleri, Aiden Chan, Para Dias, Ronald Fountain, Renuka Fernando, Chmouneh Hayek, Anthony Janicska, Mary Jordan, Clare Kinsley, Paul Leong, Bob & Therese Marini, Blago Milicevic, Zeferino Jayson Morales, Carlos Mureno, Willy Ong, Maricar Poblete, Debra Price, Fresnido Ruales, 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: Scott Anglely, Emma Barriom, Vivienne Cameron, Barrie Chamberlain, Murial Chary, Dulcie Duraisamy, Sandra Eichhorn, Henrieta Fernando, Jasmin Fernando, Ethan Garcia, Ricardo Garcia, Cynthia Lopez, Josephine Lord, Edley Neveu, Paolo Pineda, Etelka Petkovic, Michael Scott, Viliami Kalosipani Siale, Kilini Veamatahau.

Anniversaries: Sydney Azie, Horace Baptist, Ronald Barley, Peter & Helen Bonnici, Joseph Camenzuli, Kristylen Cayabyab, Catherine Chandra, John Soo Choon, Aloysean Corera, Ngan Siu Eng, John Fernando, Nevis Fernando, M.A Fernando, Juliet Francis, Anthony Garcia, Francisca Garcia, Teodoro Garcia, Zenaida Garcia, Charlie Gauci, Christine Gomez, Josephine Gomez, Felicidad & Felina Maglaya, Denis Morrissey, Lissy, Jose & Mary Kutty, Bertu Mula, Joseph Mula, Tony Muscat, Cole Ngan, Rita Leon, Antonio Marra, Cordula Paiva, Serge Pasin, Adrian Pereira, Benigno Rivaler Sr, Cornelio & Iluminada Rondario, Michael Sant, Mary Silva, Rosary Silva, Loretta Laberinto Udan, Melchor Usman, Dionisio Udan, Mary Zammit.

Remembrance: Fe Abadiano, Neil Amaratunga, Julliana Anciga, France Angseeing, Carmen Attard, Roy, Edna Bacud, Mary & Des Barney, Sam Borg, Myrna Cruz, Saviour Caruana, Fe Licup Carmen, Tania McGove, Sam & Silvia Debattista, Carmen, Jimmy, Antonio, Tania, Vicki, Louie, Joe & Lancer De Guire, Florencio Flores, Nevis Fernando, Joe Gat, Maximilian & Julian Epondulan, Sam Gabo, Mary & Sam Galea, Evangeline Garcia, Leandro Snr Garcia, Jose Garcia, Jean, Elsie, Gervais Garrick, Constance Gaycroft, Frans Gutajar, Selvam Irudayaraj, Sheena Landagan, Apolinario Maylaya, Pauline Meilak, Mangion & Cini Family, Michael (Mike) McNamee, Maureen & John Mead, Mary Mifsud, Joseph Mifsud, Emilia & William Mifsud, Sashin Patrick Manamperi, Anton & Lourda Motha, Louis, Stephen & Joseph Mula, Mary & Francis Muscat, Mile Perak, John & Roseline Ratnam, Vassula Rydel, Jonathan Tek Kie, Tony Vassollo, Shane Vaz, Vinnie Zahra and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, you know my needs, my troubles, my sufferings; cast on me a look of pity. By appearing in the grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, from which you dispense your favours, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and physical. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession.

Obtain most loving mother, my requests, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen.



REGULAR COLLECTIONS - First and Second

FIRST COLLECTION is for the support of Priests throughout the Diocese.

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

Account name: Parramatta Diocesan Clergy
BSB: 067 950
ACC: 00 00 4265
Reference: Seven Hills - 6035

SECOND COLLECTION or Planned Giving Program

On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you very much for your ongoing support, which has been absolutely vital in keeping our Parish going strong. Projects completed include the Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting, Parish Office and Meeting Room Roof painted, Church roof cleaned and ceiling repaired and painted.

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.
BSB: 067 950
ACC: 000552
Reference: (Your Planned Giving envelope number or for a one off donation, 'DONATION')

IN-PERSON BANK DEPOSIT (at a Bank Inst / Branch)

Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church
BSB: 062 315
ACC ID # 00901486
AGENT # 660

SMART DEVICE TERMINALS

All donations made via these new machines are shared 50/50 with our Diocese.

THE PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Statue of Virgin Mary is available for home visitation and will reside with you for a week, being Sunday to Saturday. If you are wishing to participate, please leave your name and address with the Parish Office or contact Maryse 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 Genesis 2:18-24*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him.

So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man.

The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **(R.)**

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! **(R.)**

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 2:9-11*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:2-16*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord

Dear friends,

In the Rite of Marriage or the celebration of Matrimony, the celebrant asks the couple to state their consent and shows his acceptance through a prayer ending with these words, 'what God joins together, let no one put asunder' which, in fact, sums up the indissoluble value of marriage that Jesus stands for in the Gospel this Sunday through his response to the Pharisees who wanted to know whether it is legal for a man to divorce his wife.

While acknowledging Moses' decision allowing people to have access to a divorce in some extraordinary circumstances, Jesus had no hesitation to make it very clear of what he thinks about marriage the man and the woman are no longer two but become united as one by God himself, and their unity can't not be divided.

In his apostolic exhortation called the Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia), Pope Francis asks married couples to be positive about the indissolubility of marriage meaning to consider it as a gift, not a yoke imposed on humanity, and encourages all pastors to show pastoral care for the separated, the divorced, and the abandoned especially in the light of Jesus' encounters with the Samaritan woman at the well (cf. Jn 1.4-30) and with the woman found in adultery (cf. Jn 8.1-11). Apart from his teaching on the indissolubility of marriage, Jesus also tells us how much he appreciates the presence of children in his ministry, since they have something to teach older members of the community certain values God much appreciates such as simplicity and trust.

Let us pray for the grace to help us to totally put our trust in God the way little children trust in their parents, and also for married couples, especially those in our Parish community to remain united as one in their relationship in good times or bad, in sickness or in health.

Have a love-filled week,

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

HSC MASS

We would like to welcome all students in our community preparing for their HSC exams this year to a Thanksgiving Mass at 6pm this Saturday 5 October. Please remember these students in your prayers and pray that they will get the results they have worked hard for.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to Bill Gregory who reached the 100 mark recently. Bill will join us for a Thanksgiving Mass at the 9.30am Mass this Sunday.

STEP ONE ZUMBA NIGHT - 8 OCT

All are welcome to join our young adults this Tuesday, 8th of October 2024 at 7pm in the Parish Hall as we launch Step One Zumba with teacher JM. For more information please contact Ian Epondulan: youthlol7h@gmail.com or search 'Lourdes 7Hills Young Adults' on Facebook.

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.

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.

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.

PARISH BIN ROSTER - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

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

FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT RECRUITMENT

Thank you to Dennis Farrar, diocesan co-ordinator of the Passionist Family Movement Group for helping us with the recruitment of our Parish Family Group last weekend, and all parishioners who filled out the form to join the group. Please note that the recruitment will continue for a few more weeks, so those who are interested in joining our Parish Family Group are invited to fill out the form and return it to the Communication box at the rear of the church.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

All members of the Parish Pastoral Council are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday 9 October at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting room.

INSTALLATION MASS FOR OUR NEW MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Eight candidates who completed the course in our parish recently shall be installed at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday the 13th of October.

LOURDES: LUMINATE YOUNG ADULTS GROUP NIGHT

All are welcome to join our young adults this Thursday, the 10th of October 2024 from 6:30pm in the Parish Hall as we will explore Pope Saint John Paul II's Apostolic Letter on the devotion to the Virgin Mary "On the Most Holy Rosary" (Rosarium Virginis Mariae). For more information please contact Ian Epondulan: youthlol7h@gmail.com or search 'Lourdes 7Hills Young Adults' on Facebook.

LOURDES PLAYGROUP

Please note that playgroup has ended for term 3 and will resume for term 4 on Friday 18 October 9am in the Parish Meeting room. Please be sure to register for attendance via the Facebook group 'Lourdes Play Group'.

CHRIST COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP

You are invited to hear the Word of God at length every Thursday at 9.30am in the Parish Meeting Room. It only takes about an hour of your time to get a better understanding of the Gospel and we sing songs. For more information, please contact Olivia on 0423 890 978.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Positions Vacant:

- Manager, Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP) – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 12 October**
- Finance Administrator – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 18 October.**

More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

World Rosary Hour and Our Lady of Fatima procession: 13 October

The parish of Saint Paul the Apostle, Winston Hills invites you to join us as we pray the Holy Rosary on Sunday, 13th October at 4:00pm. This also includes Our Lady of Fatima procession around the Church grounds and will be live-streamed. To know more visit worldrosaryhour.com, contact our parish office 96396516 or winstonhills@parracatholic.org

CYP LIFTED GO: 17 October

“LIFTED Go” is an exciting new initiative in Catholic Youth Parramatta’s LIFTED series, co-created with the Peace, Justice, Ecology team. You can expect an uplifting, energising and prayerful night in true LIFTED style, that will encourage us all to GO out into the deep as missionary disciples & peacemakers: 17 October 2024, 7-9pm, WestHQ. Find out more and register at parracatholic.org/liftedgo



Mission: Transform Lives
- theirs...and yours

Are you ready to embark on a life-changing journey that combines your professional experience with meaningful community impact and living our faith in practice?

Hear inspiring stories from Palms mission participants at our [Discovery Online](#) session Wednesday 9 October. Explore [unique opportunities](#) matching your skills with sustainable solutions.

Venue: Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Wednesday 9 October 2024

Time: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au



Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: 27 October

The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday the 27th of October at 11am, St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending by visiting parracatholic.org/weddingmass or phone 0488 000 211 by 20 October. Family and friends are welcome.

LOL SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Driving

Some volunteer positions at LOL may involve the need for car transport. To donate the use of your private vehicle or to utilise any vehicle you must comply with the following:

- The vehicle must be roadworthy and registered
- You must have comprehensive car insurance
- You must have a current driver’s licence
- You must adhere to all relevant road rules at all times, including those regarding alcohol and illegal drugs, and the use of mobile phones while driving
- You are liable for any fines or infringement notices while performing volunteer duties.

From the Pastoral Plan 2024-2028: Behold, I Am With You Always

As the baptised People of God, we each have a personal responsibility to contribute positively to building a culture of welcome, hospitality and meaningful connection within the Church community. What are some concrete actions our faith community can take to better welcome and include all individuals, especially those who may feel marginalised or unwelcome? (Pg. 31-32, Pastoral Plan). Help shape a welcoming Church for all: www.parracatholic.org/synodality.

Catholic Care Pregnancy and Infant Loss Day commemoration: 15 October

To commemorate Pregnancy & Infant Loss Memorial Day, Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains and White Lady Funerals are holding a memorial service on Tuesday 15 October from 11am at Mamre House, Orchard Hills. There will be an opportunity to place a plant in memory of your loved one in the Garden of Remembrance. Please RSVP to Lisa on 0439 917 129 or Christy at White Lady Funerals 02 4731 4385.

Rouse Hill Parish Car Book Sale: 19 October

Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, is having a Car Boot Sale on Saturday, 19 October between 10am to 3pm on the church grounds. All are welcome to join in with our Parish community, sell items that you no longer want, or you may even pick up a bargain! Spaces to hire are limited. Cost is \$100 for a double car space. If you wish to reserve a space, email parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

MET Worship Ministry to the Sick and Dying Formation: 19 October

Are you currently taking Communion to the Sick and Dying in the Diocese of Parramatta? If so, please join the Office for Worship for a day of ongoing formation to further your knowledge and understanding of this important topic.

Saturday 19 October from 9.30am - 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and Lunch provided. For more information and to register before 14 October, please contact Hannah on 0488 000 211 or email hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org or visit the website <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship>

Australian Catholic Historical Society talk: 20 October

The next free event for the Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the crypt of Saint Patrick’s, Church Hill at 2:00pm, Sunday 20 October: The St John’s College Act 1857 – the legal antecedents and historical context by speaker: Kyle Oliver, Barrister-at-law, Sydney. Members, their guests, and visitors are most welcome. More details: <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>

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

If missed any of the face to face training held at our parish, you can complete these modules independently at times convenient to you via <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> or view below the details of the next training opportunity run by the Diocese.

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.

POPE FRANCIS TO BELGIAN CLERGY: JOY AND MERCY MUST FILL YOUR MINISTRY

By Devin Watkins



On the third day of his Apostolic Journey to Belgium, Pope Francis met Saturday with the country's bishops, priests, men and women religious, and pastoral workers at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Koelkelberg.

In his address, the Pope focused on the Church's mission of proclaiming the Gospel to every sector of society.

He spoke first about the path of evangelization, saying the West is experiencing a crisis of faith.

Rather than being caught on the back foot, said the Pope, the Church must welcome this crisis as an opportunity to rouse ourselves and rediscover "the ways of the Spirit."

It "demonstrates that we have moved from a Christianity located within a welcoming social framework to a 'minority' Christianity, or better, a Christianity of witness," he said.

Pope Francis called on Belgian priests to love Jesus Christ and walk closely with God's holy people, seeking harmony in diversity.

He went on to point to the Gospel attitude of joy, which goes beyond fleeting amusement and sinks deep into the soul to sustain our Christians lives, even in moments of darkness or pain.

"Joy of heart is kindled by the Gospel," he said. "It is knowing that we are not alone on our journey and that even in situations of poverty, sin, and affliction, God is near."

At times when fidelity seems difficult, said the Pope, the Church's pastoral ministers must remember where our Christian path leads and draw strength from Christ.

The Pope went on to highlight the importance of mercy, since God is always merciful.

God the Father, he said, "never withdraws His love from us," even when we have committed a serious sin.

Seen in worldly terms, God's expansive mercy seems "unjust," but he said, God's justice goes beyond and calls everyone to "right their wrongs."

Pope Francis noted that the clerical sexual abuse crisis has caused "atrocious suffering and deep wounds and undermined even the path of faith."

"There is a need for a great deal of mercy to keep us from hardening our hearts before the suffering of victims," he said, "so that we can help them feel our closeness and offer all the help we can."

The Pope concluded by thanking the clergy and religious of Belgium for always offering God's mercy and allowing the light of faith to shine through in the darkest of times.

"Without the Spirit, nothing Christian can take place."

THE PURPOSE OF THE SYNOD AND 'FASHIONABLE' REFORM

By Andrea Tornielli - Brussels

What is the priority of the Synod that is about to begin? What is the main and most important purpose of the Church's synodal reform?

From Brussels, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Koelkelberg, where he met with bishops, clergy, religious, and pastoral workers, Pope Francis outlined an answer by posing a question.

"The synodal process," he said, after listening to a testimony, "must involve returning to the Gospel. It is not about prioritizing 'fashionable' reforms, but asking: 'How can we bring the Gospel to a society that is no longer listening or has distanced itself from the faith?' Let us all ask ourselves this question."

No "fashionable" reforms, then. Neither is there place for agendas that—on the one hand—advocate for functional changes but end up clericalizing the laity, nor those that—on the other hand—aim to restore a past era influenced by neo-clericalism.

Both are perspectives that ultimately downplay the urgent and fundamental question that Pope Francis has reiterated: the proclamation of the Gospel in secularized societies.

Both of these perspectives end up forgetting the sole true purpose of any reform in the Church: the salvation of souls, the care of God's holy faithful people

By putting the Pope's question back at the center, which was the reason for the Second Vatican Council, and by placing the well-being and care of God's people at the center, it becomes clear that synodality is the way to live communion in the Church.

It is not an additional bureaucratic task for clergy and laity who adopt it reluctantly and only in words, remaining in practice still tied to models from a century ago. It is not the *passepartout* through which to justify every worldly initiative.

Instead, synodality is the full expression of a lived communion. We can only bear witness to our brothers and sisters when we are aware that we are all loved by God and when we joyfully live the Gospel, conscious of the fact that—whatever our role in the Church—we are called by the Other, and it is He who guides His Church.

PEOPLE FRANCIS TO LOUVAIN STUDENTS: 'CONTINUE TO WORK FOR HOPE AND A BETTER FUTURE'

By Lisa Zengarini

In the last public event of the second full-day of his Apostolic Journey to Belgium, Pope Francis met with students of the prestigious Catholic University of Louvain, which is celebrating the 600th since its founding. He was welcomed by members of the Rectoral Council, the Rector, Françoise Smets, and before entering the auditorium, he signed the Book of Honour.

The letter presented by the students

The students presented him a letter sharing their reflections on the themes of environmental responsibility, the role of universities in fostering awareness and change, and the need for a new cultural and spiritual approach to tackling current ecological and social crises.

The letter is the result of a collective effort involving professors, young researchers, and students who gathered to discuss his Encyclical Letter '*Laudato si'*' on the care of our common home.

It focuses on five themes: the philosophical and theological roots of the current climate crisis; the role of emotions and commitment; the issue of inequality; the position of women and attitudes of sobriety; and, solidarity in the face of the climate emergency.

Hope never disappoints

In his address, Pope Francis warmly thanked the students for sharing their concerns for the future, and praised the "passion and hope" in their desire for justice and the search for truth.

He acknowledged the several issues raised in the letter, including war, the indiscriminate exploitation of resources and peoples in the Global South, and the Church's responsibilities in legitimizing Europe's past colonial domination over other peoples.

The Pope condemned any misuse of religion for domination as a blasphemous distortion of God's image.

In the face of these evils, he encouraged the students to continue to hope, because "hope never disappoints."

We are not masters of God's-given creation

Turning to the central question raised in the letter on the relationship between Christianity and ecology, the Pope highlighted three attitudes to cultivate.

First of all, he focused on gratitude for God's creation, which has been entrusted to humanity, making us "not masters but guests and pilgrims on the earth."

The second attitude is mission, our duty to protect and cultivate creation for future generations. Pope Francis again lamented that the preservation of the environment continues to be hindered by the prevalence of powerful economic interests over ecological concerns.

"We are guests, not despots," he insisted, exhorting the students "to consider the cultivation not just of ideas, but also of the world."

Pope Francis then mentioned fidelity both to God and humanity, urging a commitment to integral development that respects the physical, moral, cultural, and social dimensions of human life and "opposes all forms of oppression and rejection of others." The Church, he said, "denounces these abuses, committing herself above all to the conversion of each of her members, each one of us, to justice and to truth."

In this regard, he warned against "manipulating nature instead of cultivating it", pointing to eugenics, cybernetic organisms and artificial intelligence.

'The Church is woman'

Pope Francis went on to reflect on another point addressed in the letter: the role of women in the Church and society, which also regards issues of gender violence and injustice, as well as ideological prejudices.

Recalling the significant role of women in the history of salvation, the Pope reflected on the essential nature of women in the Church and society, and rejected any notion of rivalry between men and women. He called instead for mutual respect and collaboration, rooted in dignity and shared humanity.

"In the Church, men and women have been called from the beginning to love and to be loved," he remarked.

We work to live; we don't live to work

Pope Francis then spoke about the students' academic formation. He encouraged them to follow their own individual style of study, while keeping in mind that they are part of a community, as education and culture are a collective effort.

He also invited the students to reflect on their motivations and invited them to study with the goal of living a fuller life, warning that work should not be the be-all and end-all of life.

Finally, Pope Francis reminded them that they should study not just for personal gain but to serve the common good.

Study makes sense if it seeks the truth that sets us free

Concluding, the Pope urged the students of the Catholic University of Louvain to always seek and bear witness to the truth in their studies, because, he said, "truth sets us free."

Without it, he said, study becomes "an instrument of power, a way to control others; it no longer serves but dominates."

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

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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

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Lourdes: Luminare Young Adults Group

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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.

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

October

7	Labour Day Public Holiday	
10	Over 50's Group Meeting	10.30am
10	Lourdes: Luminare Young Adults Group Night	6.30pm
15	School Resumes Term 4	

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

5/6 October

Acolytes	Vigil: Daniel La Guidara 8am: Frank Paiva 9.30am: Ramzee Michael	
Ministers	Vigil: L. La Guidara, M. Mifsud 8am: C. Gonzales, H. Gonzales 9.30am: C. Brooks, M. Michael	
Readers	Vigil: C. Rodrigues, M. Simic 8am: A. McNally, S. Manamperi 9.30am: E. Pieris, M. Aquino	
Altar Servers	Vigil: A. La Guidara, C. La Guidara, M. Gluvic 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: J. Pieris, M. Pieris	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Tongan Choir	
Musicians	Vigil: Youth for Christ 8am: Fr. Henry 9.30am: Couples for Christ	
Flowers	Fenty & Liz	
Church Cleaning	12 October	Tongan Community Edgardo Barcelon Edgar Cabrera
Welcomers	Vigil: Volunteer 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Sastina Pieris	

12/13 October

Acolytes	Vigil: James Dinning 8am: Edith Gartner 9.30am: Eugene Miu	
Ministers	Vigil: N. Shami, A. Do Rosario 8am: E. Gartner, M. Santos 9.30am: B. Chandler, P. Gow	
Readers	Vigil: T. Perak, N. Do Rosario 8am: P. Ferriols, F. Paiva 9.30am: A. Han, N. Arambulo	
Altar Servers	Vigil: SUB RQD, J. Sant, E. Reardon 8am: K. Cassaniti, H. Winter 9.30am: K. Maruthanayagam	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults Group	
Musicians	Vigil: OFS 8am: Fr. Henry 9.30am: Tongan Choir	
Flowers	Claudette & Judith	
Church Cleaning	17 October	Cathy Hutchings Annette Peatman Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Georgina Basili	

The Kids' Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sunday October 6th, 2024

Let the Children Come



He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14b (NIV)



Mark 10:13-16

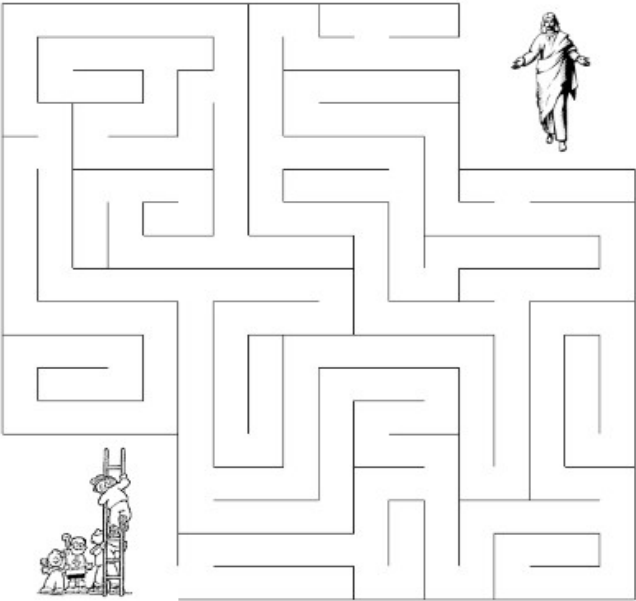


What did Jesus say to the apostles when they tried to keep the children away?
 Use the code to find out!

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Help the children find their way to Jesus.

