



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13 October 2024 • Year B



Let us Pray for the Sick

Rick Abadam, Leonila Ahillon, Florence Arinanan, Mary Attard, Rodney Bell, Sarah Bartolo, Rosella Booth, Lawrence Charles, Ben Dixon, Alma Caguimbal, Mary Camilleri, Aiden Chan, Para Dias, Lucia Fernando, Ronald Fountain, Renuka Fernando, Chmouneh Hayek, Lynnda Lim-Huynh, 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@lol7hills.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 Petkovics, Thria Shami, Michael Scott, Viliami Kalosipani Siale, Kilini Veamatahau.

Anniversaries: Mary Alagiah, Dominique Alfred, Emmanuel and Alizabeth Azzopardi, Horace Baptist, Ronald Barley, Joseph Bartok, Elaine Bosen, Peter & Helen Bonnici, Denis Brophy, Luz 'Bhing' Cayabyab, Joseph Camenzuli, Catherine Chandra, 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, Madaline Hughes, Danilo Lagare, Felicidad & Felina Maglaya, Denis Morrissey, Lissy, Jose & Mary Kutty, Bertu Mula, Joseph Mula, Tony Muscat, Cole Ngan, Rita Leon, Antonio Marra, Cordula Paiva, Adrian Pereira, Benigno Rivaler Sr, Cornelio & Iluminada Rondario, Michael Sant, Mary Silva, Rosary Silva, Loreta 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, Thuy Thi Bich Dong, Tania McGove, Sam & Silvia Debattista, Camen, 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, Suong Thi Nguyet Vo, 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.lol7hills.org.au



FIRST READING *A reading from the book of Wisdom 7:7-11*

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

1. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**

3. Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

2. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 4:12-13*

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:17-30*

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord



Dear friends,

I know a devout Catholic couple and was very impressed with them for their strong faith and generosity to share their wealth with those in need. On the one hand, they prefer to drive an ordinary car though they can afford the most expensive one, and on the other hand they have spent a lot of money to maintain a food program to support hundreds of families monthly, and were prepared to donate big sums of money to good causes with no questions asked.

When asked why they were so incredibly generous in helping others, their typical answer was that 'the more we give, the more we receive,' I guess that was their interpretation of Jesus' teaching that 'the measure you give will be the measure you receive' (cf Mk 4.24).

To me, they kind of meet the standard Jesus asked for in the Gospel today, as he told the man asking him what to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus asked him to give away all his money and follow him, after the man proudly told him that he had faithfully observed all the Commandments of God, unfortunately the man decided to stick with his wealth and quietly walked away from the Lord. The encounter with this man inspired Jesus to come up with two very significant teachings about wealth and worldly detachment.

In terms of wealth, Jesus warned us of the hurdle that money and wealth could create to make it harder for us to gain the membership of God's kingdom. 'It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God,' said Jesus. It's interesting to know that the eye of a needle Jesus mentioned here meant to indicate one of the many narrow and low gates around the walls of Jerusalem, which were low and narrow to the point that no invaders could drive in on horseback, unless they dismounted and proceeded in on foot. Surprisingly, he went on to remind the disciples that though it sounded impossible for men to achieve, it is possible for God to make it happen. 'Everything is possible for God,' said Jesus.

In terms of detachment from worldly possessions and skin relationship, Jesus encouraged the disciples to cultivate a stronger and more committed attachment to Him through their willingness to sacrifice everything for Him, and he promised a manifold reward for those who were prepared to do so.

Let us pray for the grace to make us less detached from worldly possessions and more attached to the Lord and the Gospel values, particularly love, compassion, tolerance and forgiveness.

Have a Gospel-oriented week,

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

PRAYER FOR OUR HSC STUDENTS

Please continue to keep our young parishioners doing their HSC exams this year in your prayers. Pray that they will get the results they have worked hard for.

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.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY PRESENTATION

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Your children are invited to participate in the presentation of the **"Christmas Story" on Tuesday 24th December at the 6pm Family Mass.** Your child will be given a role to perform. To participate children must be 5-12 years of age. We will practise on the following Sundays during the **9.30am mass:** Sunday 20th October, Sunday 3rd November, Sunday 10th November, Sunday 1st December, Sunday 15th December and Sunday 22nd December (**we may need an extra 10-15 minutes so we can practice in the Church**).

On the **Tuesday 24th December, please be at Church at 5.00-5.30pm so we can organise the children in their costumes.** If your child is interested, please scan the QR code below and enter details for your child, please fill out one form per child. For your children to feel confident when performing, we ask they commit to the above practice dates. Practice will go for about 20-25 minutes. If you have any questions, please contact our Parish Office.

Many thanks,

Jem Demeterio Children's Liturgy Coordinator



INSTALLATION MASS FOR OUR NEW MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Congratulations to all the candidates who completed the course in our parish recently and will be installed at the 9.30am Mass this Sunday 13 October. Thank you for your generosity to offer your time to serve.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Members of the Council spent some time to listen, reflect upon and discuss the ideas about how to build up an inclusive and welcoming Church found in the Pastoral Plan of the Diocese and agreed to pay extra attention to the Welcoming group and the Parish Family Group. We would like to thank Daniel La Guidara, Frank Paiva and Edward Vioth Pieris for their generosity to help co-ordinate these two groups.

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.

ROSARY PRAYERS

Please join us for Rosary prayers on every Tuesday and Wednesday morning after Mass at 8.30am and every Thursday morning before Mass at 8.30am.

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.

LOURDES PLAYGROUP

Will be resuming for term 4 on Friday 18 October 9am in the Parish Meeting room. Please be sure to register attendance via the Facebook group 'Our Lady Play Group'.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Positions Vacant:

- Manager, Catholic Youth Parramatta

Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 12 October**

- It Support Engineer

Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 16 October**

- Finance Administrator

Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 18 October**

- Administrative Support, Risk, Governance & Compliance

Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 30 October**

- Administration Assistant Holy Spirit Parish

St Clair – **Applications close 31 October.**

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

Winbourne The Spirituality of *The Lord of the Rings* Reflection Day: 19 October

The Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa, is holding a reflection day on ‘The Spirituality of *The Lord of the Rings*’ on Saturday 19 October from 9.30am to 3pm. JRR Tolkien’s deep Catholic spirituality is evident throughout the trilogy, although neither God nor Church are mentioned. Cost is \$30 per person. BYO lunch. For more information or to book, contact (02) 4773 5555 or email info@winbourne.org

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.

ACBC: Synod on Synodality Prayer Resources

A range of liturgical resources have been prepared for parishes as we enter the second session of the Synod on Synodality in Rome. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website has a range of related resources here: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/XVI-Ordinary-General-Assembly-of-the-Synod-of-Bishops>

LOL SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Harassment, Discrimination and Bullying

Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hills Parish strives to achieve a healthy and safe workplace by addressing the issue of harassment, discrimination and workplace bullying. LOL will not tolerate any form of harassment, discrimination or bullying in the workplace including sexual harassment. Any volunteer who is found to have acted in such a manner may have their voluntary role terminated. If you think bullying or harassment is happening, you can talk to:

- Your supervisor/Parish Priest;
- The Office of Safeguarding; or
- The Chancery’s Human Resources department.

To see the Diocese’s Harassment, Bullying and Discrimination Policy please scan this QR Code.



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 Online Safety Information Session: 15 October

Are you concerned about online scams and cyber threats? Join us to learn how to safeguard your personal information. Our experts will share essential tips and effective strategies to help you navigate the digital world safely.

Enjoy complimentary morning tea and lunch while you learn! Registrations are essential, contact Rita Hakkoum on 0477 952 024.

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

The FaithFeed Echo: 20 October

Looking for a space that brings together creativity, music and meaningful conversations? Searching for a place where leadership among those in their 20s, 30s and 40s can be celebrated and empowered? Register for TFF ECHO - a brand new experience from The FaithFeed, launching Sunday 20 October. More event details and RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/events/the-faithfeed-october-2024/> OR the QR code. Food, drink and live music provided!



Diocesan Delegation for Sydney Alliance Convention: 30 October

As a member of the Sydney Alliance, the Parramatta Diocese invites you to be part of our delegation at the 2024 Sydney Alliance Convention. It will be an opportunity to come together from across faith-, community- and union-based organisations that reflect the diversity of Greater Sydney. The Convention will build momentum for affordable housing, clean energy, and action on climate ahead of the 2025 Federal Election: 30 October 2024, 6pm-8:45pm, Bowman Hall in Blacktown. Find out more and register online at tinyurl.com/sa-convention24

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next Diocese session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Wednesday the 16th of October at St John the Evangelist Parish, Riverstone for Modules 4. More training opportunities will be available throughout October and November. 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>.

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' ANGELUS



Dear brothers and sisters, good Sunday! Today, in the Gospel of the liturgy (cf. Mk 10:2-16), Jesus speaks to us about marital love. As they have already done on some other occasions, some Pharisees ask him a provocative question about a controversial issue: a husband's *divorce* from his wife. They would like to drag him into a quarrel, but he does not let them. Instead, he welcomes the opportunity to draw their attention to a more important discussion: the value of love between a man and a woman. In Jesus' time, the condition of the woman in marriage was greatly disadvantaged compared to that of the man: the husband could send his wife away, *divorce* her, even for trivial reasons, and this would be justified by legalistic interpretations of Scripture. For this reason, the Lord brings his interlocutors back to the demands of love. He reminds them that woman and man were willed by the Creator as equal in dignity and complementary in diversity. In this way they would be each the other's helper, companion, but they would also be mutually stimulating and a challenge to grow (cf. Gen 2:20-23). And for this to happen, he emphasizes the need for their mutual gift to be full, to be engaging, to be without "half measures" -this is love that it be the beginning of a new life (cf. Mk 10:7; Gen 2:24), destined to last not "as long as everything goes well" but forever, accepting each other and living united as "one flesh" (cf. Mk 10:8; Gen 2:24). Of course, this is not easy, this requires fidelity, even in difficulties, it requires respect, honesty, simplicity (cf. Mk 10:15). It requires being open to confrontation, sometimes even to discussion, when it is necessary, but also to be always ready to forgive and to be reconciled to the other. And I tell you: husband and wife, fight as much as you like, provided you always make peace, before the day is over! Do you know why? Because the cold war that comes the next day is dangerous. "And tell me, father, how should we make peace?" "A gentle caress, like this, is enough", but never end your day without making peace. Let us not forget, also, that for spouses it is essential to be open to the gift of life, to the gift of children, that are the most beautiful fruit of love, the greatest blessing from God, a source of joy and hope for every home and all of society. Have children! Yesterday, I received a great consolation. **It was the day of the Gendarmerie Corps**, and a gendarme came with his eight children! It was beautiful to see him. Please, be open to life, to what God may send you. Dear brothers and sisters, love is demanding, yes, but it is beautiful, and the more we allow ourselves to be involved by it, the more we discover true happiness in it. And now, let each one of us ask themselves: How is my love? Is it faithful? Is it generous? Is it creative? How are our families? Are they open to life, to the gift of children? May the Virgin Mary help Christian spouses. Let us turn to her in spiritual union with the faithful gathered at the Shrine of Pompeii for the traditional Supplication to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.

After the Angelus

Dear brothers and sisters! Tomorrow marks one year since the terror attack on the population in Israel, to whom I once again express my closeness. Let us not forget that there are still many hostages in Gaza. I ask for them to be released immediately. Since that day, the Middle East has been plunged into a condition marked by increasing suffering, with destructive military actions continuing to strike the Palestinian people. This people is suffering very much in Gaza and in other territories. Most of them are innocent civilians, all of them are people who must receive all necessary humanitarian aid. I call for an immediate ceasefire on all fronts, including Lebanon. Let us pray for the Lebanese, especially for those who live in the south, who are forced to leave their villages. I appeal to the international community, that it may work to end the spiral of revenge and prevent further attacks, like the one recently carried out by Iran, that could make that region fall into an even greater war. All nations have the right to exist in peace and security, and their territories must not be attacked or invaded, their sovereignty must be respected through and guaranteed by dialogue and peace, not by hatred and war. In this situation, prayer is more necessary than ever. **This afternoon, we will all go to the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore** to invoke the intercession of the Mother of God. Tomorrow will be a day of prayer and fasting for world peace. Let us unite with the power of good against the diabolical plots of war. I am also close to the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina, affected by floods. May the Lord welcome the deceased, comfort their families, and support these communities. I greet you, people of Rome and pilgrims from Italy and many countries. My special greeting goes to the music band from Cabañas (El Salvador) – we will hear them play later on - to the Polish faithful from the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy from the diocese of Radom, and for those who have come from Martinique. I greet the group of pilgrims from the Shrine of Our Lady of Revelation at *Tre Fontane*, who will bring Mary's statue from Saint Peter's to this Marian Sanctuary in Rome today, while praying for peace. I greet the former students of the "Poggio Galeso" Minor Seminary of Taranto, the "Teatro Patologico" Association of Rome, the band of the "Sacra Famiglia" school of Cremona and participants in the "Fiabaday" manifestation for eliminating architectural barriers. And now, I am pleased to announce that on December 8th, I will hold a consistory for the appointment of new cardinals. Their origin reflects the universality of the Church, that continues to announce God's merciful love to all people. Here are the names of the new cardinals: His Excellency Mons. Angelo Acerbi, Apostolic Nuncio; His Excellency Mons. Carlos Gustavo Castillo Mattasoglio, Archbishop of Lima, Peru; His Excellency Mons. Vicente Bokalic Iglic, Archbishop of Santiago del Estero, Primate of Argentina; His Excellency Mons. Gerardo Cabrera Herrera, Archbishop of Guayaquil, Ecuador; His Excellency Mons. Natalio Chomali Garib, Archbishop of Santiago de Chile, Chile; His Excellency Mons. Tarcisio Isao Kikuchi, Archbishop of Tokyo, Japan; His Excellency Mons. Pablo Virgilio Siongco David, Bishop of Kalookan, Philippines; His Excellency Mons. Ladislav Nemet, Archbishop of Belgrade, Serbia; His Excellency Mons. Jaime Spengler, Archbishop of Porto Alegre, Brazil; His Excellency Archbishop Ignace Bessi Dogbo, Archbishop of Abidjan, Ivory Coast; His Excellency Mons. Jean-Paul Vesco, Archbishop of Algiers, Algeria; His Excellency Mons. Paskalis Bruno Syukur, Bishop of Bogor, Indonesia; His Excellency Mons. Joseph Mathieu, Archbishop of Tehran-Ispahan of the Latins, Iran; His Excellency Mons. Roberto Repole, Archbishop of Turin, Italy; His Excellency Mons. Baldassare Reina, who will be, from today on, Vicar General for the Diocese of Rome; His Excellency Mons. Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto, Canada; His Excellency Mons. Rolandas Makrickas, Co-adjutor Archpriest of the Papal Basilica of St. Mary Major; His Excellency Mons. Mykola Bychok, Eparchial Bishop of Saints Peter and Paul of Melbourne for Ukrainians, Australia; Reverend Father Timothy Peter Joseph Radcliffe, Theologian; Reverend Father Fabio Baggio, Under-Secretary of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development; Reverend Mons. George Jacob Koovakad, Official of the Secretariat of State, responsible for Papal Travels. Let us pray for the new Cardinals, that in confirming their commitment to Christ, the merciful and faithful High Priest, they may assist me in my ministry as the Bishop of Rome for the good of the holy people of God. I wish you all a good Sunday. Please don't forget to pray for me. Have a good lunch, and *arrivederci!*

'The Church is woman'

"The Church is woman," Pope Francis responded to a Jesuit's question about "the difficulty of giving women a more just and adequate place in the Church." "I see women blessed with charisms, and I do not want to limit the discussion of a women's role in the Church to the topic of ministry," the pope clarified. "In general, he says, "masculinism and feminism are 'market' themes." The Pope emphasized that at this point in time, he is trying "more and more to bring women into the Vatican with roles of higher and higher responsibility." "Things are changing," he continued. "You can see and feel it."

Women in the Vatican

The pope recalled that the Deputy governor of the Governorate is a woman (Sister Raffaella Petrini), that the Dicastery for Integral Human Development "also has a woman as its deputy" (Sister Alessandra Smerilli), and that in the "'team' for the appointment of bishops" there are three women (Petrini, then Sister Yvonne Reungoat and Maria Lia Zervino, appointed in 2022 as members of the Dicastery for Bishops). "Since they are in charge of selecting candidates, things are much better," he said, adding, "They are acute in their judgments."

Even in the Dicastery for Consecrated Life "the deputy is a woman" (Sister Simona Brambilla, secretary) and in the Council for the Economy the deputy coordinator is a woman, Charlotte Kreuter-Kirchhoof.

"Women, in short, are entering the Vatican in roles of high responsibility: we will continue on this path. Things are working better than before," the Pope assured his listeners.

In this context, the Pope also recalled an anecdote with the president of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen: "We were talking about a specific problem, and I asked her, 'But how do you handle these kinds of problems?' She replied, 'The same way all of us mothers do.' Her answer gave me much to think about."

Migrants need to be integrated

During the encounter, the Pope then addressed the issue of migration, which needs to be studied properly.

Once again, he listed the four verbs with which to articulate action for migrants: welcome, accompany, promote, integrate. If this is missing, it becomes a "serious" problem. "A migrant who is not integrated ends badly, but so does the society in which the migrant lives," the Pope warned, recalling the 2016 attack in Belgium itself, at Zaventem airport, which cost the lives of 16 people at the hands of two terrorists affiliated with ISIS. "hat tragedy was also the result of a lack of integration." He added, "The Church must take seriously the work with migrants."

An aging Europe

Coupled with this Pope Francis reiterated "one thing that is close to my heart," the fact that "Europe has no more children, it is aging. It needs migrants in order for life to be renewed. It has now become a question of survival."

The community more important than the priest

Not only few children, but also few vocations. The topic was raised by a religious: "How do you see the future of parish communities without priests?" "The community is more important than the priest," the pope responded. "The priest is a servant of the community." He cited the example of women religious who take on leadership roles in some parts of the world, such as the Peruvian congregation of nuns who have "their own specific mission" of going "to those situations where there is no priest. They do everything: they preach, they baptize. If a priest is eventually sent, then they go somewhere else."

'The Jesuit should not be afraid of anything'

Speaking of mission, the pope, looking at the context of Belgium – which is among the most secularized countries in Europe – urged members of the order of St. Ignatius not to be afraid. "the Jesuit should not be afraid of anything," he said. "He is a man in tension between two forms of courage: courage to seek God in prayer and courage to go to the frontiers."

As "masters" the pope points to Father Matteo Ricci, Father Roberto De Nobili, and other great missionaries who "even frightened some in the Church by their courageous action" but "set out the limits of inculturation."

This limit must be sought in "discernment," he said. "And it is discerned by praying." Jesuit prayer, the Pope said, "developed in borderline, difficult situations, at the limits. This is the beautiful thing about our spirituality, taking risks."

New forms of paganism

About the "complex phenomenon" of secularization, Pope Francis speaks of "forms of paganism": "We do not need a statue of a pagan god to talk about paganism: the very environment, the air we breathe is a gaseous pagan god! And we must preach to this culture in terms of witness, service and faith. And from within we must do it with prayer." Service, he said, makes dialogue "fruitful," but dialogue is often hindered by "strong clericalism" in the Church. "Where there is clericalism there is no service," he continued, adding a warning, "For goodness' sake, never confuse evangelization with proselytising!"

Intellectual apostolate

"The intellectual apostolate," is also "important," the said, and a part of the vocation of Jesuits who "must be present in the academia, research, and also in communication." "Let's be clear," Pope Francis said. "When the General Congregations of the Society of Jesus say to insert oneself in the lives of people and in history, it does not mean 'making a carnival,' but inserting oneself in even the most institutional contexts, I would like to say, with some 'rigidity,' in the good sense of the word. One should not always seek informality."

Synodality, a grace

One question concerned synodality, the focus of the Synod underway at the Vatican. "Synodality is not easy, no, and sometimes this is because there are authority figures that do not bring out the dialogue aspect," the pope said. "A pastor can make decisions by himself, but he can make them with his council. So can a bishop, and so can the pope."

Pope Francis said he is confident that with the Synod "things will be clarified precisely by the synodal method." He said, "Synodality in the Church is a grace! Authority is carried out in synodality."

Causes of beatification

Finally, Pope Francis confirmed that the cause of Father Pedro Arrupe, the Spanish-born Jesuit superior general from 1965 to 1983, who has been proclaimed a Servant of God, is "open."

"The problem is the revision of his writings," the Pope said, explaining, that Arrupe "wrote so much, and the analysis of his texts takes time."

Regarding the cause of Henri De Lubac, another "great Jesuit," the Pope said he does not know whether or not his cause has been introduced.

Speaking with his confreres, Pope Francis revealed what he would later announce publicly at the Mass in Brussels; namely, the initiation of the cause of King Baudouin: "I did it myself, the Pope said, "because it seems to me that we are moving in that direction here."

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 Tuesday 5th November 2024, 10.30am– 1pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate to share. Look forward to seeing you there.

Lourdes: Luminate Young Adults Group

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

LOURDES PLAYGROUP

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish playgroup is a fun playtime for children aged 0 to 5 years old and their carers. It is held every Friday morning during school terms 9.00am-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

13	Installation Mass for new Ministers of the Word	9.30am
15	School Resumes Term 4	8.40am
18	Playgroup Resumes	9.00am
19 & 20	Catholic Missions Appeal	All Masses

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

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: SUB RQD, 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: Nina Arambulo, Christine Woodward 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	

19/20 October

Acolytes	Vigil: Frank Paiva 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am: Ryan Epondulan	
Ministers	Vigil: C.Gonzales, H. Gonzales 8am: L. Fernandes, A.McNally 9.30am: Kilifi Huihui, Kamela Huihui	
Readers	Vigil: M.Simic, B.Mohta 8am: J.Irudayaraj, E.Miu 9.30am: C.Diaz, A.Walker	
Altar Servers	Vigil: S.Thoms, E. Reardon, CP Bellamin 8am: Volunteers 9.30am: L.Sadipoor, SUB RQD	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Parish Pastoral Council	
Musicians	Vigil: K.Thoms, Christine Woodward & Shaun's Group 8am: Fr. Henry 9.30am: Fr Henry & Christine Woodward	
Flowers	Fennie & Angela	
Church Cleaning	23 October	Jessie Borg Anne McNally Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Volunteer 8am: Anne McNally 9.30am: Volunteer	

The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 13th, 2024

Mark 10:17-30



The rich young man in today's Gospel reading was sad because Jesus told him to sell his things and give his money to the poor.

Jesus said that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

But all things are possible with God!

Can you find the way from the camel through the needle?



Choose the word that best matches the definition.

- ___ 1. Possessing great material wealth
A. needle B. easier C. rich D. treasure
- ___ 2. An adult male human
A. heaven B. eye C. easier D. man
- ___ 3. Less difficult; something accomplished with little effort
A. easier B. heaven C. needle D. eye
- ___ 4. A long-necked animal with humps
A. camel B. treasure C. man D. enter
- ___ 5. An opening in a needle
A. hard B. camel C. eye D. treasure
- ___ 6. A small, slender implement used for sewing
A. easier B. needle C. treasure D. man
- ___ 7. Difficult; requiring considerable skill or effort
A. camel B. man C. eye D. hard
- ___ 8. To go into
A. treasure B. enter C. hard D. camel
- ___ 9. The home of God and the angels
A. heaven B. easier C. needle D. rich
- ___ 10. Something considered to be especially precious or valuable
A. easier B. treasure C. man D. needle



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commandments	give	life	needle	testimony
eternal	honor	loved	poor	wealth