

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 October 2024 • Year B



Let us Pray for the Sick

Rick Abadam, Florence Arinanan, Katie and Sara Bartolo, Rodney Bell, Lawrence Charles, Ben Dixon, Alma Caguimbal, Para Dias, Mary Camilleri, Aiden Chan, Ronald Fountain, Lucia Fernando, Renuka Fernando, Chmouneh Hayek, Lynnda Lim-Huynh, Mary Jordan, Paul Leong, Bob & Therese Marini, Blago Milicevic, Zeferino Jayson Morales, Carlos Mureno, Willy Ong, Maricar Poblete, Fresnido Ruales, Camy Ratnam, Eustace Ratnam, Sue Tiplado, 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: Paul Azzopardi, Emma Barriom, Vivienne Cameron, Murial Chary, Barrie Chamberlain, Dulcie Duraisamy, Sandra Eichhorn, Henrieta Fernando, Jasmin Fernando, Ethan Garcia, Ricardo Garcia, Rajan Gungse Kera, Cynthia Lopez, Josephine Lord, Etelka Petkovic, Sria Shami, Michael Scott, Viliami Kalosipani Siale, Marija Simic, Kilini Veamatahau.

Anniversaries: Mary Alagiah, Dominique Alfred, Emmanuel and Alizabeth Azzopardi, Horace Baptist, Ronald Barley, Joseph Bartok, Elaine Bosen, Peter & Helen Bonnici, Denis Brophy, Catherine Chandra, Aloysean Corera, Ngan Siu Eng, John Fernando, Nevis Fernando, M.A Fernando, Juliet Francis, Anthony Garcia, Francisca Garcia, Teodoro Garcia, Zenaida Garcia, Christine Gomez, Josephine Gomez, Madaline Hughes, Luiz Lagare, Felicidad & Felina Maglaya, Rita Leon, Sr Christina Morrissey, Denis Morrissey, Lissy, Jose & Mary Kutty, Tony Muscat, Cole Ngan, Cordula Paiva, Romeo Magada Palmos, Adrian Pereira, John Portelli, Cornelio & Iluminada Rondario, Michael Sant, Mary Silva, Rosary Silva, Loreta Laberinto Udan, Melchor Usman, Dionisio Udan, Aloysius Welangoda.

Remembrance: Fe Abadiano, Neil Amaratunga, France Angseeing, Carmen Attard, Roy, Edna Bacud, Sam Borg, Myrna Cruz, Saviour Caruana, Tania McGove, Sam & Silvia Debattista, Carmen, Jimmy, Antonia, Tania, Tony, Vicki, Louie, Joe & Launcer De Guire, Florencio Flores, Melvyn Fernandes, Nevis Fernando, Francis Jr, Kevin, Mario & Joe Gat, Maximilian & Julian Epondulan, Sam Gabo, Mary & Sam Galea, Evangeline Garcia, Leandro Snr Garcia, Jose Garcia, Selvam Irudayaraj, Sheena Landagan, A. Mansoor, Apolinario Maylaya, Laval Marooven, Pauline Meilak, Mangion & Cini Family, Michael (Mike) McNamee, Maureen & John Mead, Joe and Doris Mifsud, Emilia & William Mifsud, Mary Mifsud, Sashin Patrick Manamperi, Anton & Lourda Motha, Louis, Stephen & Joseph Mula, Mary & Francis Muscat, Mile Perak, Paolo Pineda, Peter John & Carmelita, John & Roseline Ratnam, Tony Vassollo, Shane Vaz, 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 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 prophet Jeremiah 31:7-9*

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel! See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here.

They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 5:1-6*

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness.

That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:46-52*

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.'

And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord



Dear friends,

Traditionally, Jewish people believed that the presence of the Messiah, the Saving God within his people was associated with the gift of the sight give to the blind, for instance the psalmist praises God for giving the sight to the blind in Psalm 146.8, and Isaiah prophesised the day when the Lord was to liberate the Israelites from the Assyrian dominion and open the eyes of the blind (cf. Isa 35.5), the evangelists in no doubt were very much aware of such a belief, and managed to convince their readers that Jesus, in fact, is the Saviour whom God has promised to his people, since he is able to fulfil such prophecies. The Gospel this Sunday is a good example of this approach.

According to Mark, Bartimaeus, the blind beggar was determined to ask for help from Jesus despite the crowd's pressure to block him off, as a result he kept shouting louder and louder the phrase 'Son of David, have pity on me' to draw Jesus' intention, and he wasn't disappointed as his effort was well paid off when Jesus decided to respond to his call.

It's truly significant to keep in mind what Jesus did prior to the miracle, he showed genuine respect to the blind man by inviting him to clarify his need by asking him the question 'what do you want me to do for you?' though he knew so well what the man wanted and could go ahead doing the miracle without asking any question at all. When the man gave him the answer 'let me see again,' Jesus simply told him, 'go; your faith has saved you.'

What we see here is the demonstration of the healing power of his words giving sight to the blind man instantly, and who could perform such a miraculous work right before many onlookers other than God himself. Consequently, Jesus had to be the Son of God as he has publicly proclaimed again and again during his ministry.

From a symbolic perspective, the physical blindness of the blind man could be seen as a metaphor of our spiritual blindness, the one that makes us unable to see the Lord present in our lives through the Eucharist we celebrate, the people we meet, especially the needy, and the beautiful world entrusted to us to care for. If this is the case, Jesus has the power to open our eyes, so that we can see him.

Let us earnestly ask Jesus to help strengthen our faith in him as the Saviour of the world, and heal us from any spiritual blindness, so we can see his presence in the Eucharist we celebrate and people we meet everyday, especially the needy around us.

Have a faith-filled week,

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

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 Vinoth Pieris for their generosity to help co-ordinate these two groups.

WELCOMERS OF ALL AGES NEEDED

We are seeking your services in providing a welcoming experience to our fellow parishioners and visitors that join us for mass. If you are an adult, child of youth age, or a child (accompanied by an adult) and you notice that any one of the three doors don't have a welcomer, please feel free to welcome and hand out parish bulletins to those that arrive. A warm smile and a simple gesture such as 'Hello' or 'Welcome' is all that's needed.

FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT (FGM) AT OLOL

Thank you to those parishioners who have submitted the Passionist FGM form. The interim groups are close to being finalised. A "Formation Day" for a meet-n-greet will be held in November. Details to follow. Last week, a few more families came forward. It's not too late to register your interest for this exciting new initiative in our parish. Please fill out the form and drop it into the Communication box at the rear of the church. Coordinated by Frank Paiva & Edward Pieris.

LOURDES OVER 50's

Next meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 5th November Melbourne Cup Day from 10.30am. There will be sweeps for the horses. Please bring a plate to share. Tea and coffee will be provided.



FRIDAY 1st NOVEMBER

**ALL SAINTS DAY— Mass 8am
School Mass 9.15am**

SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER ALL SOULS DAY—Mass 8am



PARISH BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Our Book of Remembrance will be on display in front of the Altar at all Masses throughout November and rest at the Baptismal font before Mass, and all are welcomed to enter the names of the deceased.

NOVEMBER ENVELOPES

Are available for you to offer November Mass intentions.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025

An information meeting will be held for parents who wish to have their child further initiated into the Catholic Church by celebrating the **Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** next year. Important information will be provided at this meeting regarding the structure of the process. The meeting will be held twice so that parents are able to choose a time and date that best suits them to attend. These are as follows:

Wednesday 6th of November 2024 at 6:30pm

in the Parish Hall or

Saturday 9th of November 2024 at 4:30pm

in the Parish Meeting Room.

A Sacramental Program Flyer can be found at all entries of the church. For further enquiries contact parish office.

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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Positions Vacant:

- It Support Engineer

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

- Administration Assistant Holy Spirit Parish

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

- Accountant – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

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

St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith Rosary Triduum

Join us on Tuesday 29 October, Wednesday 30 October, and Thursday 31 October commencing at 7.00pm with the Rosary followed by Holy Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Grotto at the side of the Church. Please bring a chair.

St Luke's Faith Community 'Victory in Christ' Conference: 1-2 November

Join us for a retreat organised by St Luke's Catholic faith community together with the Risen Lora Prayer Community. This weekend is an opportunity to refresh our hearts, to reset and to reconnect with God. There will be a children's program for kids aged 5-12, and childminding services for preschool-aged children. A free event, however registrations are essential. For more information and registration visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CVTNB>

Parramatta Street Feast: 13 November

On behalf of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, you are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast 2024. Come and share a free meal, entertainment and company in a spirit of friendship and solidarity: 13 November 2024, 10:30am – 1:00pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. BE A VOLUNTEER: If you would also like to volunteer on the day (e.g., set-up, ushering, serving food), please fill out this registration form: parracatholic.org/streetfeast

MET Annual Bishop Vincent Vatican II Lecture:

20 November

You are invited to Bishop Vincent's annual lecture on Vatican II on Wednesday 20 November, 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown, cnr Flushcombe Road. Register for limited seating via <https://parracatholic.org/events/vatican-ii-lecture/> for more information contact met@parracatholic.org

MET FaithLIFE Ministry Leaders Short Course: Starting 29 October

Wanting to refresh your skills in ministry? Looking or currently involved in ministry with your faith community? Curious about learning from the experience of an international Catholic movement? Sign up for the 2-session FaithLIFE Ministry short course with Young Christian Workers (YCW) on Tuesdays 29 OCT + 5 NOV! For more information and to registration visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/faithlife-ministry> or contact met@parracatholic.org

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

MET Worship Serving at the Altar Workshop: 2 November

Back by popular demand! We have decided to repeat the 'Back to Basics' Seminar for Acolytes and Ministers of the Altar (Senior Servers) who missed the last session and those who would like to attend again. This seminar will occur on Saturday 2 November from 9:30am to 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. RSVP by 26 October to the below email hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 2025

Join David and Angeline Wilkes from St Aiden's Parish on a spiritual journey to Medjugorje from April 1st to 9th, 2025. This is their third pilgrimage, and the group will be staying with visionary Mirjana Soldo, guided by her long-time English interpreter, Miki Musa. Fr Neil Bulathsinhala will also be accompanying the group as the Chaplain. Places are limited, so if you feel called to experience the peace and grace of Medjugorje, please contact Angeline Wilkes at 0410 665 306 or visit saintlytravel.com.au for more details.

OLOL SAFEGUARDING NEWS

What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding is a term used to describe the protection of the welfare and human rights of people who are, in some way, connected with our work, particularly people who may be at risk of abuse, neglect or exploitation. Safeguarding is part of our Parish and the Diocese of Parramatta's duty of care.

Supporting the Safety of Our Community

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Seven Hills and The Diocese of Parramatta take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons seriously. This includes past or present forms of abuse. Safeguarding those who are vulnerable is part of the mission that Jesus Christ entrusts to our Church. 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.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

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 the next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training vis the Diocese will be held on **Saturday 9 Nov** at St Margaret Mary's Parish, Merrylands for Modules 4-5. 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>.

OLOL Vulnerable People's Participation

We are a Catholic community that champions the practice of supporting & engaging, listening and communicating with those who are most vulnerable such as children and young people. This in return encourages their participation.

Pope Francis presides at the Canonization Mass for 14 new Saints, including 11 martyrs killed in Syria for refusing to renounce their faith, and upholds their Christian witness by noting they lived Jesus' way of service.

Father Manuel Ruiz López and his seven companions, the brothers Francis, Mooti, and Raphael Massabki, Father Joseph Allamano, Sister Marie Leonie Paradis, and Sister Elena Guerra, canonized by Pope Francis on Sunday, each exemplified heroic virtue and bore witness to holiness within their unique vocations.

As the Pope noted in his homily at the Canonization Mass in St. Peter's Square on World Mission Sunday, "These new saints lived Jesus' way: service."

"The faith and the apostolate they carried out did not feed their worldly desires and hunger for power but, on the contrary, they made themselves servants of their brothers and sisters, creative in doing the good, steadfast in difficulties and generous to the end," he said.

The Pope noted that their witness invites Christians to heed Jesus' invitation to serve, not to seek glory.

'Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?'

Taking his cue from the Gospel passage from Mark, he invited Christians to contemplate the profound questions Jesus asked His disciples, James and John: "What is it you want me to do for you?" and "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?" These questions, noted Pope Francis, shine light on our hidden desires and cast away any illusions of self-interest.

The Holy Father explained that through these questions, Jesus calls us to a deeper relationship with Him.

He said that James and John, though faithful disciples, approached Jesus with expectations rooted in worldly glory, seeking honour and positions of power.

They longed for a place at His right and left in His glory, imagining a victorious Messiah who would reign with might. But, the Pope continued, their understanding was flawed.

"Jesus doesn't stop at their request," the Pope said, "He delves deeper, revealing the desires behind their words. He challenges them, as He challenges us, to see beyond human ambition."

A King who came to serve

The true Messiah, Pope Francis recalled, is not a king of power and dominance but a Servant-King who came not to be served, but to serve, even to the point of offering His life on the cross.

He added that the image Jesus presents to His disciples is a radical departure from worldly notions of power.

"On His right and left, there would be no thrones, but two thieves, crucified alongside Him, suffering and dying with Him in ignominy."

This death, said the Pope, is the cup Jesus speaks of—a life of love, a baptism of suffering and service.

Pope Francis pointed out that the true path of discipleship is not one of seeking to dominate but of learning to serve.

"Those who follow Christ, if they wish to be great, must serve," he said.

The example of the saints

Pope Francis concluded by upholding the examples of the 14 Saints canonized on Sunday, saying they were men and women who did not live for their own glory but for the glory of God, making themselves servants to their brothers and sisters.

He invited Christians to pray through their intercession, "so that we too can follow Christ, follow him in service, and become witnesses of hope for the world."

BISHOP SYUKUR DECLINES CARDINALATE TO 'GROW IN PRIESTLY LIFE'

By Vatican News

62-year-old Indonesian Franciscan Bishop Paskalis Bruno Syukur, who was appointed by Pope Francis on November 21, 2013, after serving as Provincial of the Order of Friars Minor in Indonesia from 2001 to 2009, has asked not to be created a cardinal in the upcoming Consistory.

The Director of the Holy See Press Office, on Tuesday evening, said Bishop Syukur expressed his wish to continue his personal growth "in service to the Church and the people of God," a choice, Matteo Bruni said, that stems from a desire to further deepen his priestly life.

As a result, the number of cardinals to receive the red hat from the Holy Father will be 20 instead of 21.

Bishop Syukur's biography

Paskalis Bruno Syukur was born on May 17, 1962, in Rangu, in the Diocese of Ruteng, on the Island of Flores, Indonesia. After completing primary school, he attended the Pius X Minor Seminary in Kisol and then pursued philosophical studies at the Driyakara Faculty of Philosophy in Jakarta, and later theological studies at the Faculty of Theology in Yogyakarta.

He made his solemn profession with the Order of Friars Minor on January 22, 1989, and was ordained a priest on February 2, 1991.

Fr. Syukur has held several pastoral and leadership roles throughout his ministry. From 1991 to 1993, he served as a priest in the parish of Moanemani, Diocese of Jayapura (West Papua). From 1993 to 1996, he pursued a Licentiate in Spirituality at the Antonianum in Rome.

Following his studies, he became a Novice Master in Depok from 1996 to 2001, and between 1998 and 2001, he was also a Guardian of the Franciscan community in Depok and a member of the Provincial Council.

From 2001 to 2009, he served as Provincial Minister of the Order in Indonesia, and in 2009, he was appointed General Definitor for Asia and Oceania in Rome.

On November 21, 2013, Pope Francis appointed him Bishop of the Diocese of Bogor.

CARDINAL-ELECT MYKOLA BYCHOK'S INTERVIEW

Cardinal-elect Mykola Bychok, the Bishop of the Eparchy of Saints Peter and Paul of Melbourne for Ukrainian Catholics in Australia, New Zealand, and Oceania, speaks to Vatican News about his responsibility and faith amid this time of war.

Q: Cardinal-elect Bychok, how did you receive the news that Pope Francis had named you Cardinal, and how do you see your responsibility at this time of war?

Cardinal-elect Bychok: I received this news when visiting our parish in Brisbane. It happened during dinner when my phone was turned off. When I turned my phone back on, a flood of messages came through. To be honest, at first I thought that it was a joke. It has taken some time to begin sinking in. I understand how much responsibility this appointment entrusts to me, responsibility for the life and future of our entire Church. Knowing the difficult times that our Ukrainian people are going through because of war, I will continue to inform the Catholic world about what is happening in our land and constantly remind them of Ukraine. "Knowing the difficult times that our Ukrainian people are going through because of war, I will continue to inform the Catholic world about what is happening in our land, and constantly remind them of Ukraine."

Q: What experience in your past or present has prepared you best for this role of being an advisor to the Holy Father?

I was not ready for this nomination at all. I will say more. I was not ready to be a Bishop during the time of formation in seminary. We were not prepared to be Bishops or Cardinals. A Cardinal in the Catholic Church is an honorary appointment at service to the Holy Father, the Pope. It is an advisory role that requires me to be attentive to the needs of the Church in the world today. Currently, I do not know what the role or responsibility that the Pope has entrusted to me and put on my shoulders, but I know that there will be a great opportunity to have direct contact with Pope. I would like to quote here, His Beatitude Sviatoslav [Shevchuk] [head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church], that we will speak with one heart and one mouth to Pope Francis, to the Catholic Church, in the world, and to the world community.

Q: Pope Francis so often calls for ending the suffering of martyred Ukraine. What, in your opinion, is needed to concretely work toward this objective?

Last Sunday, after the Angelus prayer, the Pope twice mentioned martyrs of Ukraine, expressing deep concern about the situation in the country. He said I appeal to prevent Ukrainians from dying from the cold, to stop airstrikes on the civilian population, who always suffer the most, and enough killing innocents.

The Holy See and the Pope have done many good initiatives to stop the war. As you know, the Holy See has been committed to freeing captives, praying for the suffering and wounded, and those who have disappeared without a trace. Much has been done, but more could be done in the future.

Q: Looking a moment at your spirituality: How do you personally keep faith and hope, despite the despair? Could you share with us about your own spirituality and how you discovered your vocation?

I discovered my vocation to follow Christ at the age of 15, when I was still in school. The Redemptorist community helped me to recognize my vocation since it was their parish where I regularly went to Church services. Later I began to serve and travel with fathers to missions and retreats. The example of their lives and great zeal in preaching the Word of God influenced me the most. They devoted service to God and people caused wonder and admiration, which later turned into a burning desire to be one of them. Through the stories of my first spiritual teacher, Father Mykhaylo Shevchyshyn, I learned about the giants of our Church, the service of our fathers and brothers in the underground Church, and the endurance and courage in the difficult circumstances of that time. Instead, my second spiritual teacher, Father Volodymyr Vons, who was a representative of the younger generation of Redemptorists, became a living example for me that one can dedicate one's young life completely to God. To this day, the Redemptorist community is of great importance to me as a Bishop and in the future as a Cardinal. "Through the stories of my first spiritual teacher, Father Mykhaylo Shevchyshyn, I learned about the giants of our Church, the service of our fathers and brothers in the underground Church, the endurance and courage in the difficult circumstances of that time"

Q: Ukrainian Cardinals have left a mark in history, thinking in particular of Cardinal Lubomyr Husar. Is there something in particular that has impressed you about their leading the faithful or approach to difficulties facing the country?

Cardinal Lubomyr Husar was an extraordinary person. On the one hand, he was the patriarch of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and on the other hand, he was also a Cardinal. He always managed to maintain simplicity and accessibility. There is a very famous phrase of his, which I would like to quote: "My dream in life is to be a human, but I am not 100% sure what it means to be human, even though it is still remains my dream and prayer to be a good, normal human." Those words of the Cardinal will help me a lot in my ministry.

Q: What are your greatest pastoral concerns in Australia, and what do you believe should be the Church's greatest priorities, in general?

I think there are two priorities. The first reflects me as a Ukrainian Cardinal. The Church must be proactive in being a mediator of a just peace, not just in Ukraine but in the Middle East and other parts of the world that are experiencing war and conflict. Secondly, we must combat secularization. As a priest serving in the United States and as a Bishop in Australia, I have seen how secularization has affected society and the Church. We are called to be missionaries to help people rediscover the love of God and His Son, Jesus Christ, so that they see that the Church is the place to meet the living God in a most beautiful way, through the Holy Sacraments, confession and Holy Communion. These two, of course, are linked. Peace in the world will only come when people have peace in their hearts, a true peace that comes from the love of Christ. "The Church must be proactive in being a mediator of a just peace, not just in Ukraine, but in the Middle East and other parts of the world that are experiencing war and conflict. Secondly, we must combat secularization."

Q: Concretely, do you have a suggestion as to how to have the faith reach people?

First of all, we should show through our life living Christ, because when others look at our life, they will see through us, especially in those countries who are secular countries. There it is especially important that we have a direct and straight connection with Jesus, which others can rediscover in us.

Q: Lastly, with your nomination, you will become the youngest member of the College of Cardinals. Speaking of the young in the Church, what do you believe is the best way to show young people that it is worth it to follow Christ, empowering them to rise above mixed messages across society that are normally indifferent, secular, or at times hostile to the faith?

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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

November

1	Feast of All Saints Masses	8am & 9.15am
2	All Souls Mass	8.00am
5	Over 50's Meeting - Melbourne Cup Special	10.30am
6	Sacramental Program 2025 Info Session	6.30pm
9	Sacramental Program 2025 Info Session (RPT)	4.30pm

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

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

26/27 October

Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am: Eugene Miu	
Ministers	Vigil: T. Perak, N. Shami 8am: E. Gartner, A. McNally 9.30am: M. Aquino, C. Brooks	
Readers	Vigil: N. Do Rosario, A. Punch 8am: M. Santos, B. Motha 9.30am: R. Nigli, F. Kennedy	
Altar Servers	Vigil: A. Bagatella, A. Laus, J. Hoang 8am: Volunteers 9.30am: C. Attard, A. Melki	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Couples for Christ	
Musicians	Vigil: Maximilian Chorale 8am: Fr. Henry 9.30am: OFS	
Flowers	Annette & Mary B.	
Church Cleaning	9 November	Tongan Community Edgardo Barcelon Edgar Cabrera
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Ugre 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain	

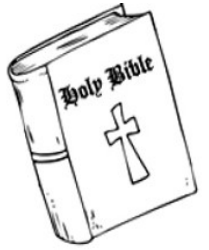
2/3 November

Acolytes	Vigil: James Dinning 8am: Eugene Miu 9.30am: Ramzee Michael	
Ministers	Vigil: M. Simic, M. Mifsud 8am: S. Manamperi, M. Santos 9.30am: M. Michael, Sub Rqd	
Readers	Vigil: J. Irudayaraj, J. Sarmiento 8am: P. Ferriols, K. Walker 9.30am: N. Arambulo, A. Han	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Saoirse, Sebastian & Leonardo Costello 8am: K. Cassaniti, H. Winter, C. Bellamin 9.30am: M. Gluovic, J. Martinez, O. Martinez	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Tongan Choir	
Musicians	Vigil: C.W 8am: Fr. Henry 9.30am: Couples for Christ	
Flowers	Fenty & Liz	
Church Cleaning	21 Nov	Cathy Hutchings Annette Peatman Edgardo Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Edgardo Barcelon	

The Kids' Bulletin

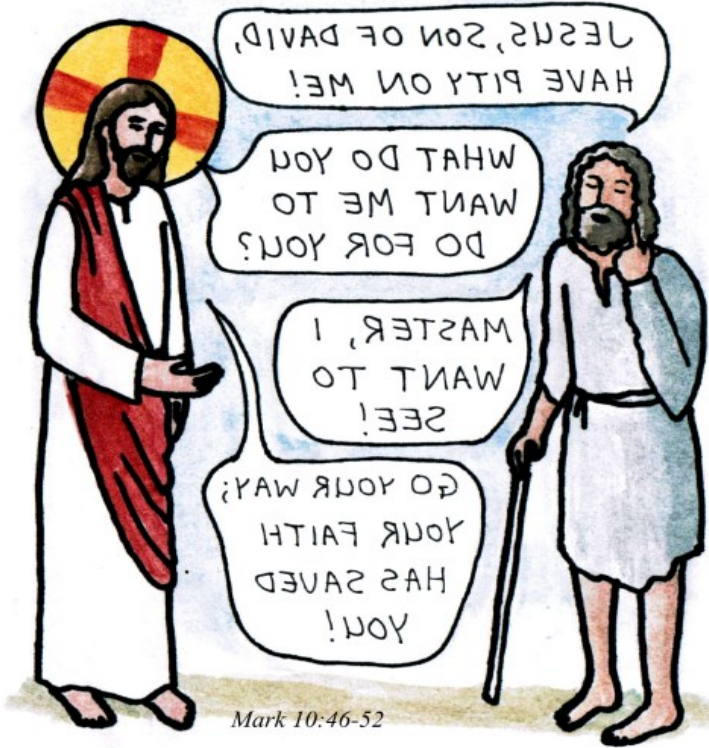
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 27th, 2024

Blind Bartimaeus



"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." Mark 10:51 (NIV)

Words are taken from Mark 10:46-52 (NIV).



Mark 10:46-52

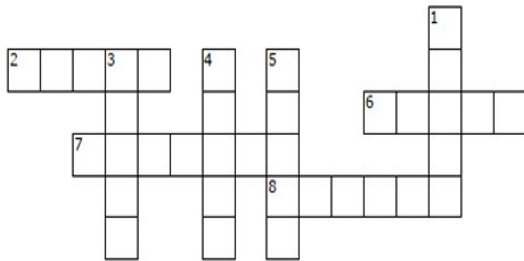
**What did Jesus and the blind man say to each other in today's Gospel reading?
Look in the mirror to find out!**

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B J J C C L J J U M P E D G E

Jericho	city	begging	cheer	faith
Jesus	blind	shout	jumped	healed
disciples	Bartimaeus	mercy	feet	sight
crowd	roadside	quiet	Rabbi	followed

Choose the word that best matches the definition.

- Unable to see
A. mercy B. healed C. blind D. cheer
- Making an urgent plea; asking for charity
A. blind B. sight C. quiet D. begging
- Kind or compassionate treatment
A. faith B. sight C. mercy D. quiet
- Making little or no noise
A. quiet B. mercy C. cheer D. blind



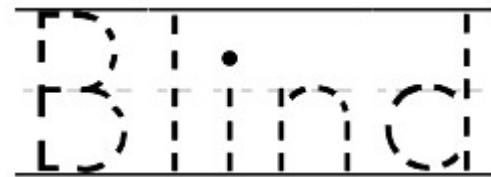
ACROSS

- Kind or compassionate treatment
- Making little or no noise
- Making an urgent plea; asking for charity
- To be restored to health; cured

DOWN

- Unable to see
- To make happier or more joyful; a shout of encouragement
- Confident belief in the truth
- The ability to see

blind	mercy	cheer	healed
begging	quiet	faith	sight



Jesus heals a blind man.
Draw 2 eyes for him.



I have two eyes to see with