

Parish Week ❖ Sunday, 6 February 2022

Saturday, 5 Feb. / St. Agatha, virgin & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Angela Sinclair (parents)
10.00 am RCIC youth catechism
5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas
(Mary Thanarajan)

SUNDAY, 6 FEB. / 5-C

- Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati
- General Blessing of Throats at all Masses

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Eileen Tobin (Alice Larkin)
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Rebecca Gomes
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 7 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † George McNoughton (Corine Maulion)
7.00 pm Mass: † Dionisio Sr. Alcantara (Janet Aguirre)
7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 8 Feb. / St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin

- 8.00 am Mass: † Dora Vally (family)

Wednesday, 9 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Maroun & Mariam Haddad (Amalia)

Thursday, 10 Feb. / St. Scholastica, virgin

- 8.00 am Mass: † Uberfil Gregorio Rocha (Lila)

Friday, 11 Feb. / Our Lady of Lourdes

- World Day of the Sick
- Fr. Ernest Munachi Ezeogu, C.S.Sp.: death anniversary (2015)

- 8.00 am Mass: † Luigi DeCicco (Emma)
6.30 pm Rosary
7.00 pm Mass: For blessing on all Health Care Workers

Saturday, 12 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Fructuoso & Adela Arroyo (family)
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Siromi Ameresekere (friends)

SUNDAY, 13 FEB. / 6-C

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

- 9.00 am Mass: † Crescenzo Tisi (Grande family)
10.30 am Mass: Int. Margaret Wong (friends)
12.00 pm Mass: † Athanasius Dias (Dominic & Anita)
1.30 pm Infant Baptism
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Blessing of St. Blaise: 3 February

The feast of **St. Blaise** is on 3 February. Parishioners will have the benefit of the traditional BLESSING OF THROATS *individually* at the 8.00 am Mass that morning, and *collectively* at the end of all Sunday Masses, 5 & 6 February:

“Through the prayers of St. Blaise, may God free you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

Focus on the Word

5th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C

Isaiah 6.1-8; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Celia Alibangbang, Philomena Balachandran, Chiu Mei Chai, Raymunda Delizo Custodio, Elizabeth & Eugene Dias Wanigasera, Fr. Joseph Lam Tran, Alford Walton Williams

The **5 children** who died in the **school activity day** in **Devonport, Tasmania**

Marriage Sunday

12/13 February 2022



Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the Sacrament of **Matrimony**, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements *World Marriage Sunday* celebrations that take place across North America.

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend prior to the Family Day long weekend in Ontario as *Marriage Sunday*. This year, Marriage Sunday weekend will be celebrated on 12/13 February.

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| 27 Feb. | 2 nd Collection: Maintenance |
| 2 Mar. | Ash Wednesday; - Lent begins; Day of Fast and Abstinence |
| 6 Mar. | 1st Sunday in Lent; - Rite of Election for RCIA Catechumens (12 noon Mass) |
| 7 Mar. | Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm) |
| 13 Mar. | Infant Baptism (1.30 pm) |
| 20 Mar. | 2 nd Collection: Maintenance |
| 27 Mar. | ShareLife Collection |
| 4 Apr. | Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm) |
| 10 Apr. | Palm Sunday: Holy Week begins |
| 17 Apr. | Easter Sunday: Resurrection of Our Lord; 2 Collections: (a) Offertory; (b) Easter |
| 22 Apr. | Wedding: Jefferson – Richein (1:00 pm) |
| 23 Apr. | Wedding: Belen – Albino (1:00 pm) |
| 24 Apr. | Second Sunday of Easter / DIVINE MERCY |

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All must sign in at arrival, and wear a face mask inside the Church. Hand sanitization is recommended. For more information on Parish activities, such as the schedule of upcoming **Sacramental** celebrations, check pages 3 and following in the website bulletin.

Sacramental Preparation

The celebration of **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION** for the Grade 3 & 8 students in our Parish Schools was completed in November and December 2021. Our Office Team is reviewing the information from these celebrations to enter them into our Sacramental Registers, and then prepare the proper Certificates.

The elevated restrictions in our pandemic management, due to the increasing prevalence of the omicron variant, have led to new delays in implementing our strategy for providing Sacramental celebrations. We will continue to work with the Schools and parents to find the best way forward, as circumstances permit.

We hoped to initiate in January the scheduling of the Sacrament of **1st Reconciliation** for all the students who made their First Communion in 2021. We will see how this can move forward.

We will also complete the *Presentations* on the Sacraments for the newly-Confirmed Grade 8 youth (November–December 2021), and the students who made their 1st Communion in Grade 4 (April 2021) and Grade 3 (November 2021).

We sincerely hope that the formal preparation for the Sacraments of **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation** for the students currently in Grades 2 & 7 might start in February. This would be an important step in attending to the spiritual needs of our Youth.

A Special Gift TRIPLE WICK CANDLE

Our Parish thanks **Deborah Paciej**, for her donation of a lovely TRIPLE WICK CANDLE for our votive set. Your gift is appreciated.

RCIA, RCIC

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

The RCIA meets Friday evenings at 7.30 pm; their next meetings are on 4 & 18 February. The parallel RCIC process for the Youth meets Saturday mornings; their next meetings are on 5 & 19 February.

The current pandemic protocols require strict adherence to the basic safety measures: sign in, face mask, distancing, no food consumption in common areas, etc.



Stewardship

2021 Receipts, 2022 Envelopes

The Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2021 are in the Vestibule, for pick up after Mass.

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship! This is an act of honour to God, our Creator.

Parishioners are invited to pick up their 2022 *Sunday Offertory Envelopes* in the Office Lobby after Mass. They are for registered parishioners only; if you are new to the parish and have not yet registered, *welcome to our neighbourhood!* Go to the Office window, introduce yourself, and complete a *registration form*.



World Day of the Sick 11 February

6.30 pm Rosary, 7.00 pm Mass and Blessing for Sick

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. 11 February (Memorial of *Our Lady of Lourdes*) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

To mark this observance in the Church, at 6.30 pm the CWL will lead the recitation of the Holy Rosary, prior to Mass at 7.00 pm, which will be offered for God's blessing on all Health Care Workers. Mass will be followed by a Blessing for the Sick.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations to the newest members of our Church, born again in water and the Spirit as brothers & sisters of Jesus:

7 August 2021

Ikenna Gabriel Onwuka
Nikolai Vitaliy Pereverzev

14 August

Quinzel Amethyst Erese
Althea Lilo Kalaw
Jaymie Dumaslan Umali

15 August

Shawn Maverick Cafino
Sofia Elizabeth Shaw
Xavier David Peter Sylvester

21 August

Mateo Hermosa
Renzel Nate Capricho Hontucan
Samuel Anthony Lopez
Mason Michael Ly
Rudhra Aedan Rajinthan

22 August

Anwyll Sean Munoz Turla



Fear not, for I am with you. (Isaiah 43:5)

From the beginning of time, God has been pursuing human hearts with His love, and revealing Himself as the God who is with us. Over & over again He spoke to His chosen people, reassuring and encouraging them: “Fear not, for I am with you.” (Isaiah 43:5); “Do not be anxious: I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My victorious right hand” (Is 41:10); “Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go” (Jos 1:9)

In Jesus, God took on our human flesh to tell us, “I am with you” in an unparalleled and astounding way. God became man. Who would dream of asking for anything greater? Yet, God offers us even more. The Incarnation, the ultimate “Being with,” wasn’t enough for Him; He wants to dwell not just in the world, but in our souls. He longs to unite Himself to every human person.

At your Baptism, the living God came to dwell in your heart, to fill it with the Love you have been searching for from the moment you came to be. Jesus prayed, “Father, they are your gift to Me.” (John 17:24)

God doesn’t want to be with you just because He loves you, but because He rejoices over you—the real, unique, and unrepeatable you. And His birth in Bethlehem, His life, suffering, death, Resurrection, and sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost has made this union possible.

As Mary was a Tabernacle that carried the Creator of the World in her womb, so we are called to imitate her by an intimate union to Jesus. In these turbulent times, let us not be afraid to hand everything over to the Lord. Let us allow Him to be in us and to fill us with His courage, hope, and fearless love.



The Holy Trinity and you

With whom do you share your interior life? There are sacred, secret places in our souls that we share only with someone we trust and esteem. We all want to be deeply known, and we hope that our truest self will be received with love.

God Himself desires to be received by you. He wants to reveal His heart to you. You are so loved and so important to Him, that he freely chooses to share His innermost secrets with you. He began even before you were born. In one of the most arresting moments in human history, God spoke to Moses through the burning bush (Exodus 3:16). Through fire, He spoke His divine name and revealed Himself as “I Am who Am;” pure being, sheer existence itself, the source of all that is. He is not abstract or distant, but “merciful and gracious; abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.” (Exodus 34:6). He did this for you.

But He didn’t stop there. In the fullness of time, God came to us with a face and a name – Jesus – revealing the deepest mystery of our faith: the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is something human reason alone could never have achieved. In Jesus, God revealed that He is a communion of love – one God, three Divine Persons. The Father eternally gives Himself back to the Father, and the love between them is so great that it is a third person – the Holy Spirit. (cf. CCC #221) In the Incarnation, God has revealed the depths of His heart and made Himself vulnerable for you because He wants you to enter into His love.

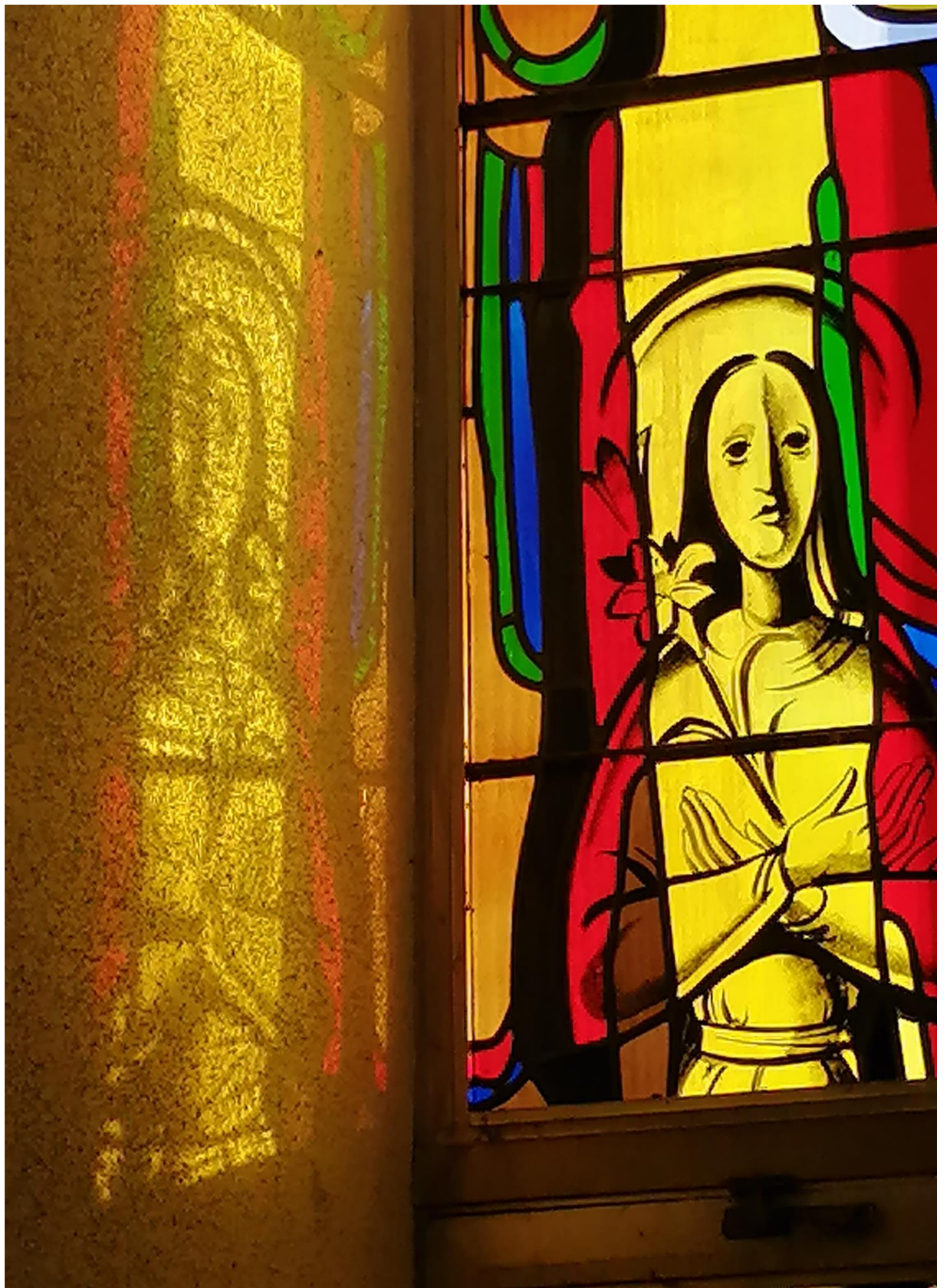
The revelation of this mystery can be described this way: “The closed circle is suddenly opened, the barrier is down, and the whole vast inner life of God invites us. “We easily nod our heads and pray our prayers in the name of the Trinity – but have we let ourselves be embraced and seized by His love?” (Frank Sheed)

In giving us His very self, God gives us everything. We are called to “ throw ourselves down...before the mystery of God’s power present to us...the flame of God’s love, which burns but does not destroy” (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)

You are invited in. In Baptism, you are infused with Divine Life, the ‘great living fire of divine love’ (ibid). Now you, like Moses, have found the burning bush – it dwells in your soul.

The Holy Spirit: Our Friend and Advocate

Jesus said: “And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of Truth...”(John 14:16).



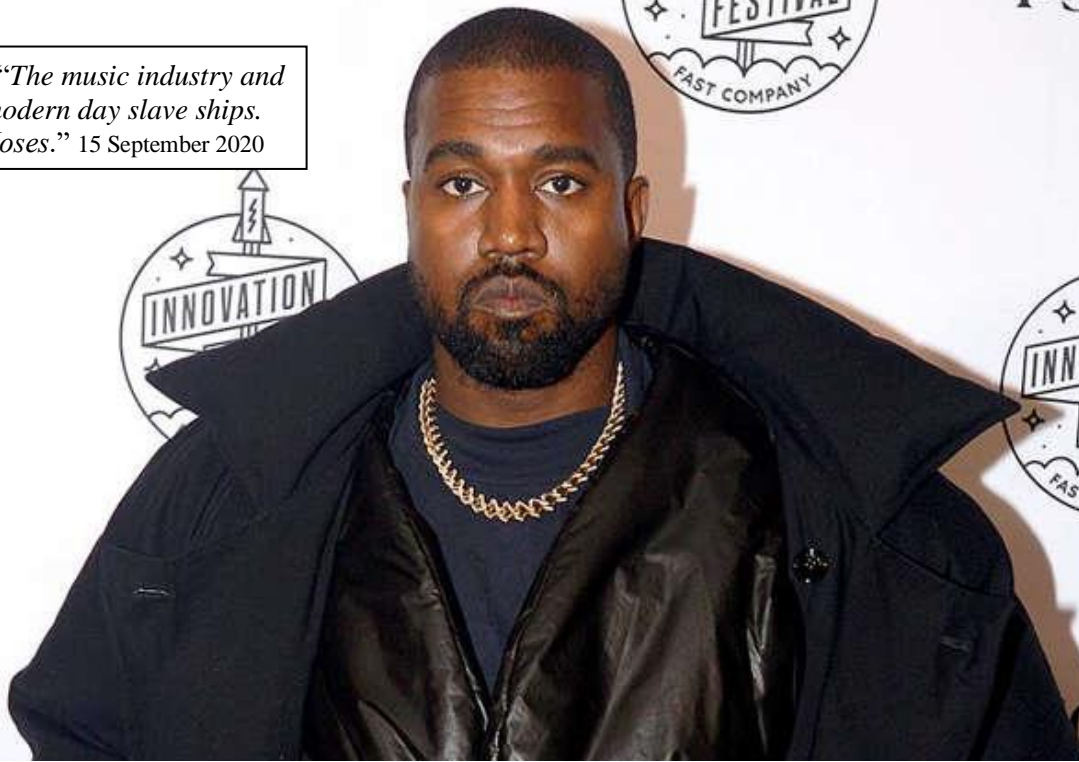




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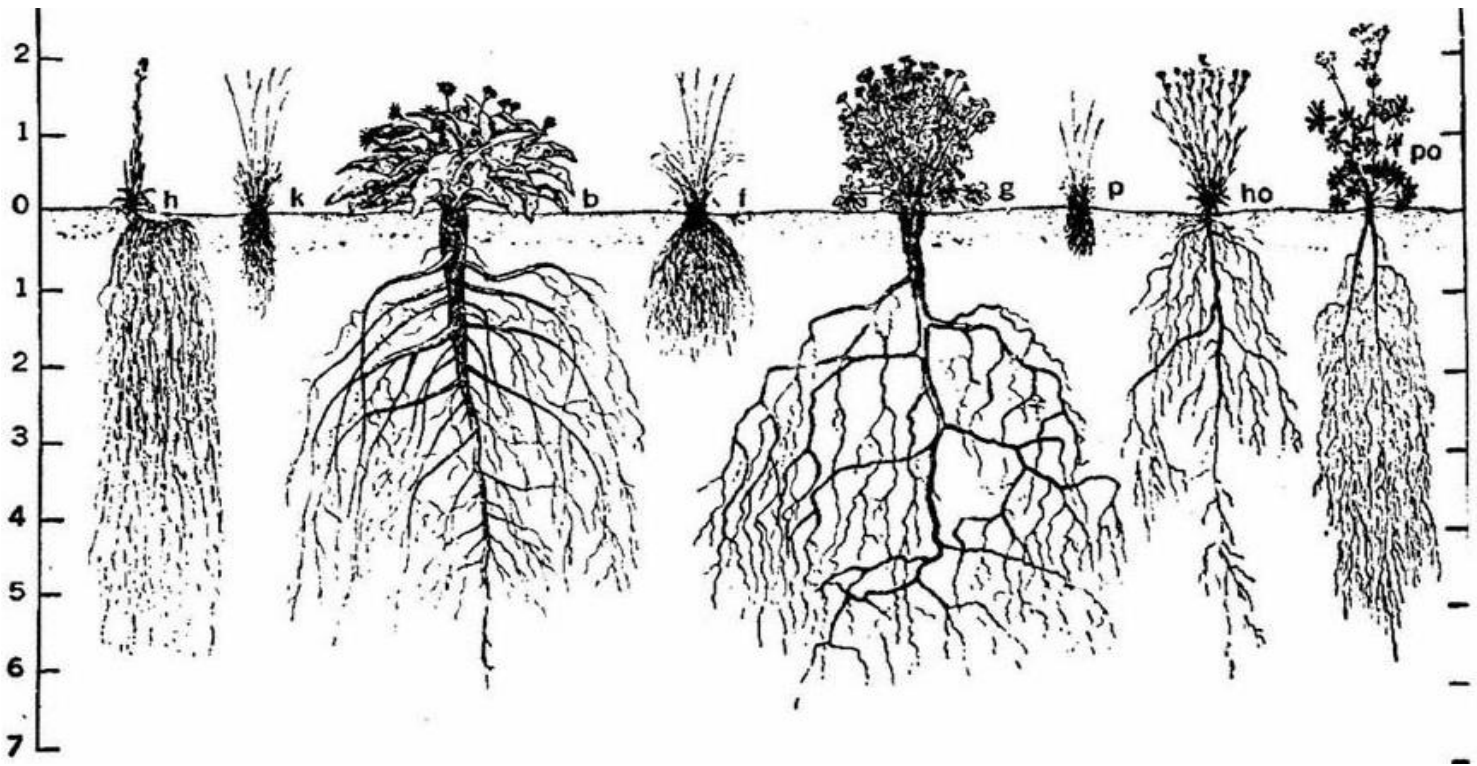


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A hungry robin feeds on berries, 31 January 2022.

Let the Earth Breathe *Beauty in Nature*





Temple of Karnak, Luxor



Luxor at night, with the Avenue of the Sphinxes in foreground.