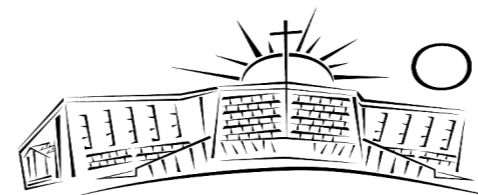


Acolytes, Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers, please remember to arrive ready 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

“Still a wonderful place to pray & stay.”

		August 18/19	
Acolytes	Vigil 8am	Abel Do Rosario Jim Said Noel Emmanuel	
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am	Helen Gonzales, Charmaine Jansz Bob & Ann McNally	
	9.30am	Mercy Aquino, Laura Bellissimo, Carole Brooks, Barbara Chandler, Jude Dias, Nancy Shami	
Readers	Vigil 8.00am	Marinela Simic, Alison Punch Karen Eleazar, Kathy Walker	
	9.30am	Helen Katopau, Ian Epondulan	
Altar Servers	Vigil 8.00am	Noah Ebb, Chrisha Gonzales, Arshaan, Arzaan Netto, Samuel Thoms Rebecca, Mathew Said, Mathew Shawcross	
	9.30am	Celestina, Chiara, Oliana Katopau	
Musicians	Vigil 8am	Deanne Do Rosario Couples for Christ Folk Group	
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only	
Flowers		The Falzon Family, 2 Wallpark Avenue, Seven Hills Fennie & Angela	
Bookshop	Vigil 8am	Mariane Christian, Sheila Enright VOLUNTEERS	
Morning Church Cleaning	Tea	Kamela HuiHui & Anna Lopeti	
Welcomers	22 Aug	Sue, Felicity, Joyce	
	6pm	Ram Ugre, Volunteers	
	8am	Annette Peatman, Volunteers	
	9.30am	Anna Lopeti, Lena Falzon, Volunteers	

		August 25/26	
Acolytes	Vigil 8am	Derick Soares Lawrence Falzon Eugene Miu	
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am	Louise La Guidara, Rosey Soares Louis, Lorraine Fernandes	
	9.30am	Paul Gow, Ramzee Michael	
Readers	Vigil 8.00am	Rob Simpson, Stefanie Menezes Andrew Millar, Bob McNally	
	9.30am	School & Family Mass Year 3	
Altar Servers	Vigil 8.00am	Genevieve, Madisen Estil, Alex LaGuidara, Alexandra, Mikayla Simpson Amelia, Joshua Herczeg, Lucas Pascu	
	9.30	Larisa Leary, Ryman Michael, Ethan, Jayda-Leigh Neish, Daniel Tenn	
Musicians	Vigil 8am	Perry's Angels Perry' Angels Maria Balatbat	
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only	
Flowers		The Milicevic Family 10 Grantham Road, Seven Hills Priya & Mary	
Bookshop	Vigil 8am	Greg Watkins Edith Gartner Carole Brooks	
Morning Church Cleaning	Tea	OLOL Parent Group	
Welcomers	1 Sept	Judith & Adrian	
	6pm	VOLUNTEERS	
	8am	Joyce Hillbrick, Adrian Walker	
	9.30am	Maria Michael, VOLUNTEERS	

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th August, 2018 Year B

WEEKEND MASS Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 9.30am

HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK
1st Thursday of month at 8am. **6th September**

WEEKDAY MASS Tues - Friday 8am

RECONCILIATION Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm

PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE Monday & Saturday 8am

MARRIAGES Please contact Parish Office 6 months prior to the wedding

Church Open Monday-Friday Mon -Fri 8.30am-3pm (for prayer and reflection)

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION **19th September** 7.30pm
Baptisms 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes Friday after 8am Mass until 9am

FAMILY MASS YOUTH MASS **26th August** 1st Sunday of the month 9.30am
2nd September

Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass **7th September** 5.30pm

A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

READINGS FOR Next Sunday 1st Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6
2nd Reading: Eph 5:15-20
Gospel: John 6:51-58

Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared. Be watchful that you may know the will of God My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

READINGS FOR Next Sunday 1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18
2nd Reading: Eph 5:21-32
Gospel: John 6:60-69

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church Lord, whom shall we go to ? You have the words of everlasting life.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*

OPENING PRAYER: **O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass ever human desire. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.**

RESPONSE TO PSALM: *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia

COMMUNION VERSE: *With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.*

Plenary Council will become law in Australia and lead to an invigorated Australian Church capable of bringing the wonders of God to our parishioners and to all people seeking the peace and joy that God brings. More information on what we need to do to play our part in these exciting and important events will be explored next week.

DIOCESAN NEWS...

CATECHESIS FOR YOUNG ADULTS: Drug and alcoholism abuse, marriage breakups, home violence and the destruction of the family are realities our community experience. The Parish of Baulkham Hills will be conducting a series of Catechesis for adults and teenagers (14 years onwards) starting on 6 of August until the end of September. These talks will help whoever listens to discover the meaning of life, create a sense of belonging and see the immense love God has for them. The talks are free and will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7.30pm at 1 Canyon Rd, Baulkham Hills. More info from Lucas on 0428 813 256.

PARISH DIARY

August

20 Aug	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
20 Aug	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
22 Aug	Sacrament Eucharist 2nd Meeting	6.30pm
23 Aug	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
26 Aug	Family Mass	9.30am
26 Aug	Presentation of the Lord's Prayer	9.30am
27 Aug	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
27 Aug	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
30 Aug	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
31 Aug	Men's Group Seven Hills RSL	7.30pm

September

2 Sept	Youth Group Mass	9.30am
3 Sept	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
3 Sept	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
5 Sept	Sacrament Eucharist 3rd Meeting	6.30pm
6 Sept	Healing Mass	8.00am

New Parishioners	Sick or Housebound	Planned Giving
Would you like to join or maybe receive a visit from Fr Henry or a parishioner?	Do you know someone who would like Holy Communion or a visit?	Would you like to support our Parish? Envelopes/Credit Card/Direct Debit Available
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Let us Pray for the Sick

Debra Price, Sue Tipaldo, Rose Stambouliah, Andrew Fedrigo, Nancy Woussef

If you would like to add to our Sick List or know of any Parishioner that is unwell please contact Father Henry or the Parish Office on 9622 2920

Let us Pray for the Deceased



Recently Deceased: Lakshman Perera, Nazarene (Ronnie) Borg, Connie Scerri, Laurence Morrissey

Anniversaries: Mary Muscat, Elizabeth Alexander, John Johnson, Joseph Caruana, Felcy Rodrigues, Apolinario Maglaya, Joan Falzon, Paula & Carmelo Bugeja, Elizabeth Alexander, Mary Knight, Joe Bartolo, Joe & Beatrice Busautil, Mary Moore, Nguyen Van Hien, Raquel Brodie Porpeda, Clive Diggleman, Heliodore & Cordula Paiva, Clive Diggleman, Edouard Mahomudally.

Remembrance: Wayne Cregan, John & Sharon Lawrence, Roy, Mary and Des Barney, Mary Muscat, Pauline Meilak, Stephen & Louis Mula, Edouard Mahomudally, Lourda Motha, Sheena Landagan

ACT OF FAITH

Lord Jesus Christ, I firmly believe that you are present in this Blessed sacrament as true God and true man, with your Body and Blood, Soul and divinity. My Redeemer and my Judge, I adore your divine majesty in union with the angels and saints. I believe, O Lord, increase my faith.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 1761.00
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TOTAL \$ 2529.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$3500.00



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Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church. Please mark your ref: Surname/Carpark

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Envelopes available at rear of church

TAI CHI 2018: All are welcome to join every Friday morning from 9.15-10:30am which is a 75 minutes class. \$10 per class. All ages are welcome to attend.

PARISH MEN'S MEETING: The next meeting will be held at Seven Hills RSL in the Sports area on Friday 31st August at 7.30pm

WELCOMERS, PIETY STALL: We are in desperate need of helpers to assist with these two ministries, you will only need to be available for an hour once or twice a month. Please contact the parish office on 9622 2920

FROM POPE FRANCIS

FOR YOU TO: To be holy does not require being a bishop, a priest or a religious. We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. That is not the case. We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. Are you called to the consecrated life? Be holy by living out your commitment with joy. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by labouring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. Are you in a position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain. Let the grace of your baptism bear fruit in a path of holiness. Let everything be open to God; turn to him in every situation. Do not be dismayed, for the power of the Holy Spirit enables you to do this, and holiness, in the end, is the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life. When you feel the temptation to dwell on your own weakness, raise your eyes to Christ crucified and say: "Lord, I am a poor sinner, but you can work the miracle of making me a little bit better". In the Church, holy yet made up of sinners, you will find everything you need to grow towards holiness. The Lord has bestowed on the Church the gifts of scripture, the sacraments, holy places, living communities, the witness of the saints and a multifaceted beauty that proceeds from God's love, "like a bride bedecked with jewels".

This holiness to which the Lord calls you will grow through small gestures. Here is an example: a woman goes shopping, she meets a neighbour and they begin to speak, and the gossip starts. But she says in her heart: "No, I will not speak badly of anyone". This is a step forward in holiness. Later, at home, one of her children wants to talk to her about his hopes and dreams, and even though she is tired, she sits down and listens with patience and love. That is another sacrifice that brings holiness. Later she experiences some anxiety, but recalling the love of the Virgin Mary, she takes her rosary and prays with faith. Yet another path of holiness. Later still, she goes out onto the street, encounters a poor person and stops to say a kind word to him. One more step.

At times, life presents great challenges. Through them, the Lord calls us anew to a conversion that can make his grace more evident in our lives, "in order that we may share his holiness". At other times, we need only find a more perfect way of doing what we are already doing: "There are inspirations that tend solely to perfect in an extraordinary way the ordinary things we do in life". When Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn van Thuân was imprisoned, he refused to waste time waiting for the day he would be set free. Instead, he chose "to live the present moment, filling it to the brim with love". He decided: "I will seize the occasions that present themselves every day; I will accomplish ordinary actions in an extraordinary way".

In this way, led by God's grace, we shape by many small gestures the holiness God has willed for us, not as men and women sufficient unto ourselves but rather "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God". The Bishops rightly teach us that we are capable of loving with the Lord's unconditional love, because the risen Lord shares his powerful life with our fragile lives: "His love set no limits and, once given, was never taken back. It was unconditional and remained faithful. To love like that is not easy because we are often so weak. But just to try to love as Christ loved us shows that Christ shares his own risen life with us. In this way, our lives demonstrate his power at work – even in the midst of human weakness".

Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

One of the most interesting things I was able to do during my last holiday, was the morning exercise that I shared with my childhood friend, whose family lives just a few blocks away from where my mother lives in Saigon. We both grew up in the village and now reconnect in the city. This is truly a blessing for both of us.

Whenever I was in town, I rang to let him know the day before and the next morning he was ready to pick me up with his Honda scooter heading to the park for a walk and a long chat over a cup of coffee afterward.

One of the things I can never forget about him was his look of panic, when he, years ago, first broke the news of how his year 12 teacher accused the Catholic Church of harbouring cannibalism by encouraging its members to consume the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. He was so worried for not knowing how to respond to such a charge as devout Catholic.

In the Gospel this week, the same issue appears to upset the crowds, as Jesus continues to teach them about the Eucharist following his work to multiply the five barley loaves and two fish feeding thousands of people. He gradually leads them deeper and deeper into the mystery of the Sacrament by introducing them to a new language and concept. Today he talks about his own body given to the world as its life-giving bread, and they were totally unprepared for such a teaching, consequently they began to question each other about the possibility of Jesus' claim to give his flesh for others as food.

Despite the unrest amongst the crowds, Jesus calmly points out the key aspects of the Eucharist, such as its eternal life-giving nature, and that it really is his flesh and blood given as real food and drink. These aspects, however, become impossible for human reason to grasp, unless we are strengthened and guided by the power and wisdom of faith as Jesus made very clear last week, that 'no one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me.'

Once again let us give praise and thanks to God for the gift of faith given to us here as we gather around the table of the Eucharist today, the gift which is so precious, and yet so free to help us to find joy, strength and peace in our Communion with the Body and Blood of Christ.

Have a faith-filled week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

MUSIC LITURGY MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd August at 7.30pm. One member of each music group is required to attend. Thank you for your assistance.

MORNING TEA ROSTER 2018/2019: We have a shortage of volunteers for our roster in the coming months and in the new year. Many hands make light work. If you would like to assist, get a group together and serve and organise morning tea for the Parish after the 9.30am mass for 2018 the following dates available are August 26, October 28, November 25 and December 23. Then the 2nd Sunday on the following months for 2019 February, April, June, August, October, December we would appreciate your assistance. If we do not find any volunteers there will no morning tea on these weeks. Please contact Debra in the Parish Office on 9622 2920

OVER 50'S PUBLIC TRANSPORT OUTING Thursday 23rd August: Visit the Art Gallery of NSW to view this years entries in the Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes. All meet at Seven Hills Station for the 9.28am train to the city. Then bus to Gallery. Admission is \$18 plus fare, morning tea and lunch costs.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The preparation meetings for children to celebrate their First Holy Communion commenced last week. The second meeting with parents and children will be held on Wednesday 22nd Aug 6:30–7:30pm in the parish meeting room. There will be a repeat of this meeting on Saturday 25th Aug 4:30–5:30pm. For any information or enquiries please contact Judy Barden via or email judyb@lol7hills.com.au or call 9622 2920.

IMPORTANT SRE MEETING: All Catechists and helpers are invited to a meeting on Friday 31st August at 11:30am in the parish meeting room. Connie Cassar will lead a talk on the Code of Conduct. It is essential that all Catechists and helpers attend this meeting

MINISTER'S RETREAT: Friday 7th September: 6.30-9.00pm Welcomers, Readers, Acolytes, Special Ministers, Wardens, Choirs are invited to attend a meeting with Br Bill Tarrant FMS to be held in the Parish Hall. The topic will be "Christianity as a transformational Path, not merely a religion". Please bring a journal and pen, there will be time for input, personal & group reflections.

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY :The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this appeal.

Last year, through your generosity the diocese reached the target with donations totalling \$205,000. This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held on the weekend of Father's Day 1/2 September. A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal envelopes will be available next week for those who will not be here on the Father's Day weekend. Receipts if required will be sent in January.

VINNIES WINTER SLEEPOUT: 30 AUGUST: The Lourdes Young Adults Group have decided to make a difference by creating our very own fundraising appeal for the Vinnies Western Sydney Community Sleepout at Western Sydney University Victoria Road, Rydalmere on Thursday 30th August 2018 from 6pm. We're inviting anyone 18 years and over to participate with us. Please donate to the cause. For more information nswvinniescommunitysleepout.gofundraise.com.au/page/LourdesYoungAdultsGroup or contact Ian Epondulan via email youthlol7h@gmail.com or call 96222920

EXPOSITION AND DIVINE MERCY PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME FOR SEPT 7 TO 5.30PM

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: Why are the Bishops holding a Plenary Council? Contemporary society in Australia has changed significantly and the Church needs to change its approach to continue to be relevant and attractive to its members and to others seeking God. Our Bishops are asking everyone to participate in this process of listening to what God is saying to our Church in these times. Everyone is being encouraged to speak boldly and to listen openly with a humble heart to the question "What do you think God is asking of us at this time?" In May 2019, the major themes emerging from our feedback will be considered and consolidated into formal submissions to be voted on at the Plenary Council in 2020. The decisions made by the