

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

		August 25/26	
Acolytes	Vigil 8am	Derick Soares	Lawrence Falzon
	9.30am	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 Pasco
	9.30	Larisa Leary, Rynan Michael, Ethan, Jayda-Leigh Neish, Daniel Tenn	
Musicians	Vigil 8am	Perry's Angels	Perry' Angels
	9.30am	Maria Balatbat	
Children's	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only	
Rosary		The Milicevic Family 10 Grantham Road, Seven Hills	
Flowers		Priya & Mary	
	Vigil 8am	Greg Watkins	Edith Gartner
Bookshop	9.30am	Carole Brooks	
Morning	Tea	OLOL Parent Group	
Church Cleaning	1 Sept	Judith & Adrian	
Welcomers	6pm	VOLUNTEERS	
	8am	Joyce Hillbrick, Adrian Walker	
	9.30am	Maria Michael, VOLUNTEERS	

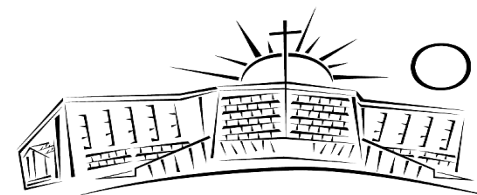
Children's Liturgy in their Parish.

DAD'S SUPPORT GROUP: 28 AUGUST: D.A.D.S MyTime Group is a group aiming to connect fathers and other male carers of children with a disability, developmental delay, ASD or a chronic illness to a support network of other fathers, helping the whole family. This is a free, government funded service. 7pm – 9pm at St Margaret Mary's Parish Centre, 5 Chetwynd Rd, Merrylands. Call 0438 878 355 for more information or visit playgroupnsw.org.au or mytime.net.au. Tea & Coffee provided.

		September 1/2	
Acolytes	Vigil 8am	Derick Soares	Jim Said
	9.30am	Ian Epondulan	
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am	Abel Do Rosario, Louise LaGuidara, Stefanie, Christine Menezes, Rosey Soares, Vinnie Zahra	James Dinning, Andrew Millar
	9.30am	Noel Emmanuel, Ryan Epondulan	
Readers	Vigil 8.00am	Jemma Sarmiento, Crystal Menezes	Erika Hien, Pepito
	9.30am	Laura Bellissimo, Jeanine Nonato	
Altar Servers	Vigil 8.00am	Alex LaGuidara, Ruby, Riley Sultana	Jayden Cortis, Matthew, Rebecca Said
	9.30am	Connor, Ethan Ballment, Victor, Eric Da, Umesh Samara Sekera	
Musicians	Vigil 8am	Youth for Christ	Graces Notes
	9.30am	Christine Clarke	
Children's	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only	
Rosary		The Menezes Family 39 Winnipeg Street Seven Hills	
Flowers		Fenty and Santih	
	Vigil 8am	Vinnie Zahra	Carole Brooks
Bookshop	9.30am	Edmund Joseph	
Morning	Tea	Florida Datuin	
Church Cleaning	5 Sept	Carole, Lourdes, Vinnie, Suzy	
Welcomers	6pm	Ram Ugre, Karen Eleazar	
	8am	Olivia Cortis, Rita Paolini, Benno Motha	
	9.30am	Lena Falzon	

PARISH DIARY

August	
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
5 Sept	Sacrament Eucharist 3rd Meeting 6.30pm
6 Sept	Healing Mass 8.00am
6 Sept	Christ Community Prayer Group 9.00am
7 Sept	Ministers Meeting 6.30pm
10 Sept	Legion of Mary Meeting 1.30pm
10 Sept	St Vincent De Paul Meeting 7.00pm
13 Sept	Over 50's 21st Anniversary Lunch 10.30am



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

Parish Priest:	Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran	Pastoral Care of the Sick and Elderly:	Mrs Bathista Emmanuel
Parish Secretary:	Mrs Debra Price	Office Hours Monday-Friday:	8.30am - 3.00pm
Sacrament & Youth Co-Ordinator:	Mrs Judy Barden	Telephone:	9622 2920
Parish Church	7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147	Parish Office Email:	secretary@olol7hills.org.au
Postal Address:	PO Box 944, Seven Hills 1730	Youth Group Email:	youtholol7h@gmail.com
Parish Website:	www.olol7hills.org.au	Public School Catechist Co-Ordinator:	Mr Bob McNally
Parish School:	Our Lady of Lourdes		
Principal:	Ms Keiran Byrnes		

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
26th 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 This 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.
READINGS FOR Next Sunday	1st Reading: Deut 4:1-2,6-8 2nd Reading: James 1:17-18,21-22-27 Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,17-15,21-23	You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord. Be doers of the word. You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human Tradition.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Turn your ear, O Lord and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.*

OPENING PRAYER: O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia

COMMUNION VERSE: *The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart*

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
_____ Name	_____ Name	_____ Name
_____ Telephone	_____ Telephone	_____ Telephone

Please place on collection Plate



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, Amirtham John, John Ratnam, Primitiva & Conrado Gatchalian, Marcel & Lisa Diab, Bev Gagan, John Azzopardi, Andre & Caroline, Christine & Brendon, Michael Almeida, Rosie & David Alfanzo, Mr & Mrs & Ubaldo Britto, Carsal, Tamasin & Reggie Castana, Helen Luttrell, Dominic & Irimiad, Bernard & Paulin Soares, Dominic, Conception & Monica D'Souza, Giustino Paludi, Jayde Kendall, Emilia Mifsud, Joshep & Maria, Felcy Rodrigues,

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

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 \$ 2487.00
Loose \$ 822.00
TOTAL \$ 3309.00 (nearly)
WEEKLY TARGET: \$3500.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CUPPA FOR OUR CARPARK

Donated to date \$ 15893.57
Balance \$59006.43

DIRECT DEPOSIT:

Banking details are BSB: 067 950; Account Number 000552;

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

MASTERCARD OR VISA ONLY CARDS

Total: \$ _____ **weekly/fortnightly/monthly**
Name on Card: _____ **Mobile Number** _____

Card Number: ____/____/____/____

Signature: _____

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.

FROM POPE FRANCIS

YOUR MISSION IN CHRIST



A Christian cannot think of his or her mission on earth without seeing it as a path of holiness, for "this is the will of God, your sanctification". Each saint is a mission, planned by the Father to reflect and embody, at a specific moment in history, a certain aspect of the Gospel.

That mission has its fullest meaning in Christ, and can only be understood through him. At its core, holiness is experiencing, in union with Christ, the mysteries of his life. It consists in uniting ourselves to the Lord's death and resurrection in a unique and personal way, constantly dying and rising anew with him. But it can also entail reproducing in our own lives various aspects of Jesus' earthly life: his hidden life, his life in community, his closeness to the outcast, his poverty and other ways in which he showed his self-sacrificing love. The contemplation of these mysteries, as Saint Ignatius of Loyola pointed out, leads us to incarnate them in our choices and attitudes. Because "everything in Jesus' life was a sign of his mystery", "Christ's whole life is a revelation of the Father", "Christ's whole life is a mystery of redemption", "Christ's whole life is a mystery of recapitulation". "Christ enables us to live in him all that he himself lived, and he lives it in us".

The Father's plan is Christ, and ourselves in him. In the end, it is Christ who loves in us, for "holiness is nothing other than charity lived to the full". As a result, "the measure of our holiness stems from the stature that Christ achieves in us, to the extent that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we model our whole life on his". Every saint is a message which the Holy Spirit takes from the riches of Jesus Christ and gives to his people.

To recognize the word that the Lord wishes to speak to us through one of his saints, we do not need to get caught up in details, for there we might also encounter mistakes and failures. Not everything a saint says is completely faithful to the Gospel; not everything he or she does is authentic or perfect. What we need to contemplate is the totality of their life, their entire journey of growth in holiness, the reflection of Jesus Christ that emerges when we grasp their overall meaning as a person.

This is a powerful summons to all of us. You too need to see the entirety of your life as a mission. Try to do so by listening to God in prayer and recognizing the signs that he gives you. Always ask the Spirit what Jesus expects from you at every moment of your life and in every decision you must make, so as to discern its place in the mission you have received. Allow the Spirit to forge in you the personal mystery that can reflect Jesus Christ in today's world.

May you come to realize what that word is, the message of Jesus that God wants to speak to the world by your life. Let yourself be transformed. Let yourself be renewed by the Spirit, so that this can happen, lest you fail in your precious mission. The Lord will bring it to fulfilment despite your mistakes and missteps, provided that you do not abandon the path of love but remain ever open to his supernatural grace, which purifies and enlightens.

Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE

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

FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Our national political landscape has been shaken a bit recently due to the leadership challenge within the Coalition, and our Prime Minister has survived the coup initiated by his own Home Affairs Minister, Peter Dutton. By the time I write these words Mr Turnbull has been under enormous pressure from within the party to stand aside to make room for his treasurer, Scott Morrison and Peter Dutton to contest for the leadership.

Though normally uninterested in politics, I could not help to feel a bit sympathetic to Mr Turnbull, for I know it was very awful to be pushed around by his own team mates.

No matter what is going to happen to his future, I hope he would have found some consolation had he known that even Jesus had a bad day in his office as enfolded in the Gospel narrative this Sunday, following the accounts of the previous two weeks.

Last week and the week before, people made complaints about Jesus' claims that he is the bread that comes from heaven, and that the bread he gives is his own flesh.

This week they even go further in their reaction by claiming that his teaching is intolerable. Once again Jesus reiterates the message he said in the Gospel two weeks ago about how faith is granted to humanity only by God alone.

It is quite touching to hear the question he asks the Apostles at the end, 'what about you, do you want to go away too?' I just wonder whether Judas had made up his mind to betray him at this point? Peter's quick reaction, however, helps to reassure the Master that he and his mates are going to stick with Jesus, since he is the Holy One of God, the one who has the message of eternal life. Despite his strong words of support, Peter, however, went on to deny Jesus three times after His arrest as we obviously know.

In a way, this Gospel seems to help us realise that we truly are vulnerable as Jesus points out in his Passion that 'the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak' (cf. Mt 26.41). Therefore, we should never be so proud of our own power and strengths, because we can make mistakes and can fall down at any time, but always put our trust in God. Let us give praise and thanks to God for drawing us to the belief in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, for helping us to come to the table of the Eucharist, and for constantly strengthening our faith and trust with his never-ending grace. Have a trust-filled week. **Fr. Henry**

PARISH NEWS...

MORNING TEA ROSTER 2019: We have filled the vacancies for 2018 thank you to the O'Brien family for volunteering to fill these spots. If you would like to assist in 2019 make a group together to serve and organise morning tea for the Parish after the 9.30am Mass the dates available are 2nd Sunday on the following months for 2019 February, April, June, August, October, December we would appreciate your assistance. It is fabulous to be part of this community and a great way to meet many of our parishioners. If you are able to assist please contact Debra in the Parish Office on 9622 2920

MINISTER'S RETREAT: Fri 7th Sept 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". A light dinner will be provided. Please bring a journal and pen,

there will be time for personal & group reflections. Please mark your name on the list at the rear of the church for catering purposes. Any allergies please note.



IMPORTANT SRE MEETING

All Catechists and helpers are invited to a meeting on **Friday 31 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

Annual Diocesan SRE Mass and Presentation will be held on Friday 7th September at 11am at The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton, celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long. A light lunch will be served following the awards presentation. Please RSVP by Monday 27th August to Bob McNally on 96241015.

Gift making workshop for SRE teachers will be held on Friday 14th September at IFM Blacktown (downstairs). Please arrive at 9:15am for a 9:30am start, concluding at 2pm Please bring scissors, ruler, lead pencil, glue stick. Morning tea provided, byo lunch. Important - please RSVP to Connie 0410346484 or email ccassar.ccdparra@hotmail.com by 10th September so there are sufficient materials for everyone.

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 contact Ian Epondulan via email youtholol7h@gmail.com or call 96222920 or nswvinniescommunitysleepout.gofundraise.com.au/page/LourdesYoungAdultsGroup

Plenary Council 2020: Your Voice Matters. Last week we saw that the Australian Bishops were asking the people of Australia to tell them what God was saying to them at this time. They are asking for dialogue between parishioners and those outside the church and have set up many ways that this feedback and dialogue can occur. You can have your say individually. See website parracatholic.org/haveyoursay, where you can link to the National Plenary Website plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au and send your feedback. This feedback can be anonymous. Over the next few months you will find our Parish offering small group sessions where you can listen, dialogue, share your stories with others and send feedback in as a group as well as individually. Existing parish groups will be encouraged to send in their group feedback. It is hoped to attract other local faith communities and non-worshipping Catholics to some of the parish group sessions. There will also be forums organised on a Deanery basis and early in 2019 a Diocesan forum. After 6 March 2019 all the responses will be considered and the resulting themes will then be presented to the Plenary Council for consideration and adoption. In advance of the above group sessions parishioners should carefully consider what God is asking of us in Australia at this time and be happy to dialogue with others on matters they consider relevant. Every voice matters. Every person matters

DIOCESAN NEWS...

CHILDREN'S LITURGY WORKSHOP: 5 SEPTEMBER This workshop will be held at the IFM, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown from 7.30-9pm. To register contact the Office For Worship: ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org or 028838 3456. This is an important evening for all those assisting with

