

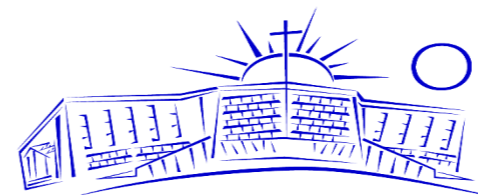
Acolytes, Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers, please remember to arrive ready 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass.

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

		September 8/9	
Acolytes	Vigil	David Christian	
	8am	Bob McNally	
Ministers	9.30am	Ramzee Michael	
	Vigil	Charmaine Jansz, Vinnie Zahra	
Readers	8.00am	Louis, Lorraine Fernandes, Helen Gonzales, Kamela Maka, Anne McNally, Benno Motha	
	9.30am	Mercy Aquino, Maria Michael	
	Vigil	Alison Punch, Perpetual Fernandes	
Altar Servers	8.00am	Adrian Walker, Karen Eleazar	
	9.30am	Noel Emmanuel, Megan Michael	
	Vigil	Juan Burgess, Yxaak Dino, Genevieve, Madisen Estil, Arynryan Roy	
Musicians	8.00am	Ethan, Jayda-Leigh Neish, Lewis Savic	
	9.30	Carl, Mark Gallema, Sean, Philip, Diana Park	
	Vigil	Magnificat Choir	
Children's Rosary	8am	Fr Henry	
	9.30am	Tongan Choir	
Flowers	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only	
	Rosary	The Soares Family 33 Pretoria Road, Seven Hills	
Bookshop	Vigil	Lucina & Orlindo	
	8am	Marinela Simic	
Morning Church Cleaning	9.30am	Edith Gartner	
	Tea	Fenty Saputra	
Welcomers	13 Sept	Elodia, Ruth, Elizabeth, Any	
	6pm	Judith Deloso, Mariane Descombes, Annette Peatman, VOLUNTEER	
	8am	Kathy Chamberlain, Chandra Sampanthan, Joyce Hillbrick, VOLUNTEER	
	9.30am	Anna Lopeti, VOLUNTEERS	

PARISH DIARY

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	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
13 Sept	Over 50's 21st Anniversary Lunch	10.30am
17 Sept	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
19 Sept	1st Holy Communion Group A Practice	6.30pm
19 Sept	Baptismal Preparation	7.30pm
23 Sept	1st Holy Communion Group A	11.30am
20 Sept	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
24 Sept	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
24 Sept	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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Principal: Ms Keiran Byrnes

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Youth Group Email: youtholol7h@gmail.com
Public School Catechist Co-Ordinator: Mr Bob McNally

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd September, 2018 Year B
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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

WEEKDAY MASS Tues - Friday 8am

PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE Monday & Saturday 8am

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

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

Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass
7th September 5.30pm

READINGS FOR This 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

READINGS FOR Next Sunday
 1st Reading: Is 35:4-7

2nd Reading: James 2:1-5
 Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

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

RECONCILIATION Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm

MARRIAGES Please contact Parish Office
 6 months prior to the wedding

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

FAMILY MASS YOUTH MASS **23rd September**
 1st Sunday of the month 9.30am
7th October

A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

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.

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.
 Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?
 He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.*

OPENING PRAYER: **God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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: *The just will live in the presence of the Lord*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia**

COMMUNION VERSE: *How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.*

of Welcome. Please RSVP by 4th Sept to Social Justice Office (02) 8838 3458

WYD 2019: Support a pilgrim on their way to World Youth Day 2019. See the great prizes and purchase online available by clicking entering <https://www.rafflelink.com.au/wyd2019>
 Tickets are priced at \$2 each, 2 tickets for \$4, 3 tickets for \$6, 4 tickets for \$8, 5 tickets for \$10, 10 tickets for \$20, 15 tickets for \$30, 25 tickets for \$50, 50 tickets for \$100. Not sure what group to support? Simply click "other" when purchasing tickets.



CATALYST FOR RENEWAL 9 SEPT: Catalyst for renewal and The Grail are hosting the Rosemary Goldie Lecture with John Allen on 9 Sept 2pm-4pm at the Verebrugghen Hall at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Macquarie Street, Sydney. Topic: Pope Francis' Efforts for Reform and Implications for the Australian Church preparing for its Plenary Council. Tickets \$30ph. Bookings through TryBooking <https://trybooking.com/VZHF>, or phone 9990-7003(messagebank)

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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Name	Name	Name
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Telephone	Telephone	Telephone

Please place on collection Plate



Let us Pray for the Sick

Debra Price, Sue Tiplado, Letitia Haines, 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, Paskin Almeida, Susanne Nadal.

Anniversaries: Mary Muscat, Paul Commarmond, Amirtham John, John Ratnam, Vivian, Louis, Susan, Leslie Fernandes, Michael Almeida, Emmanuel, Charlie Galea, Salvatore Loria, Rosa Mancina, Felix, Andre Anna Muscat, Caroline Susainathan, Andrew Piatia, Elena Zoratto, Leonora Quirante, Nestorio Undag, Mary Knight, Elizabeth Alexander, John Johnson, Heliodores & Cordula Paiva, Felcy Rodrigues, Apolinario Magalya

Remembrance: Wayne Cregan, John & Sharon Lawrence, Roy, Mary and Des Barney, Mary Muscat, Pauline Meilak, Stephen & Louis Mula, Edouard Mahomudally, 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 \$ 1859.00
Loose \$ 811.00
TOTAL \$ 2670.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$3500.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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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.

FOUR2EIGHT is taking a break this month as it's Father's Day. Wishing all the dads a great day and thank you for everything that you do.

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

ACTIVITY THAT SANCTIFIES

Just as you cannot understand Christ apart from the kingdom he came to bring, so too your personal mission is inseparable from the building of that kingdom: "Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness". Your identification with Christ and his will involves a commitment to build with him that kingdom of love, justice and universal peace. Christ himself wants to experience this with you, in all the efforts and sacrifices that it entails, but also in all the joy and enrichment it brings. You cannot grow in holiness without committing yourself, body and soul, to giving your best to this endeavour.

It is not healthy to love silence while fleeing interaction with others, to want peace and quiet while avoiding activity, to seek prayer while disdaining service. Everything can be accepted and integrated into our life in this world, and become a part of our path to holiness. We are called to be contemplatives even in the midst of action, and to grow in holiness by responsibly and generously carrying out our proper mission.

Could the Holy Spirit urge us to carry out a mission and then ask us to abandon it, or not fully engage in it, so as to preserve our inner peace? Yet there are times when we are tempted to relegate pastoral engagement or commitment in the world to second place, as if these were "distractions" along the path to growth in holiness and interior peace. We can forget that "life does not have a mission, but is a mission" Needless to say, anything done out of anxiety, pride or the need to impress others will not lead to holiness. We are challenged to show our commitment in such a way that everything we do has evangelical meaning and identifies us all the more with Jesus Christ. We often speak, for example, of the spirituality of the catechist, the spirituality of the diocesan priesthood, the spirituality of work. For the same reason, in *Evangeli Gaudium* I concluded by speaking of a spirituality of mission, in *Laudato Si'* of an ecological spirituality, and in *Amoris Laetitia* of a spirituality of family life.

This does not mean ignoring the need for moments of quiet, solitude and silence before God. Quite the contrary. The presence of constantly new gadgets, the excitement of travel and an endless array of consumer goods at times leave no room for God's voice to be heard. We are overwhelmed by words, by superficial pleasures and by an increasing din, filled not by joy but rather by the discontent of those whose lives have lost meaning. How can we fail to realize the need to stop this rat race and to recover the personal space needed to carry on a heartfelt dialogue with God? Finding that space may prove painful but it is always fruitful. Sooner or later, we have to face our true selves and let the Lord enter. This may not happen unless "we see ourselves staring into the abyss of a frightful temptation, or have the dizzying sensation of standing on the precipice of utter despair, or find ourselves completely alone and abandoned". In such situations, we find the deepest motivation for living fully our commitment to our work.

The same distractions that are omnipresent in today's world also make us tend to absolutize our free time, so that we can give ourselves over completely to the devices that provide us with entertainment or ephemeral pleasures. As a result, we come to resent our mission, our commitment grows slack, and our generous and ready spirit of service begins to flag. This denatures our spiritual experience. Can any spiritual fervour be sound when it dwells alongside sloth in evangelization or in service to others?

We need a spirit of holiness capable of filling both our solitude and our service, our personal life and our evangelizing efforts, so that every moment can be an expression of self-sacrificing love in the Lord's eyes. In this way, every minute of our lives can be a step along the path to growth in holiness.

Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

A few years back I went to a Clergy conference where the presenter told us a profound story, which has stuck in my mind ever since. It was about a certain tribal clan, that had started with a small group of people many years ago. From the beginning of their settlement, they had to erect a fence around the village to protect themselves from wild animals and trespassers. As years went by, the village grew bigger and the population increased, and wild animals and invaders no longer posed any threat to the community as it used to, so younger villagers didn't see the need to fence off their beautiful village anymore, they then asked their elders to allow them to pull the fence down. The elders, however, turned down the idea straightaway, and they argued that their village fence was erected by their forebearers since the time immemorial, and hence it has become part of the village identity, therefore it can never be removed.

This story somehow reflects the point Jesus makes in the Gospel this Sunday criticising the Pharisees and the Scribes of their effort to vulgarise religious doctrines by turning them into nothing but human regulations. They made mistakes by focusing solely on external matters of their religion such as the rite of body purification, and completely overlooking its interior dimension, which is about spiritual growth and conversion, and they sadly paid only lip service to God in their worship.

Let us pray today for the wisdom and strength to help us avoid the trap of ritualism that had kept the Pharisees and the Scribes of old in captive. Pray that we all can commit ourselves to offer real and tangible service to the Lord through our concrete acts to serve.

Have a grace-filled week

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

MORNING TEA ROSTER 2019: 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.



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.



CALLING ALL YOUTH: Are you too old for Four2Eight but too young for the Lourdes Young Adults group? Then this message is for you! We are looking towards relaunching the Lourdes Senior Youth group over the coming months and would like anyone interested in being a part of this group, either in a leadership position or just someone who wants to come along, to get in touch with Judy either by email judyb@olol7hills.com.au or you can send a text to 0434851662. We have a few people involved but would like to include everyone who's interested. Looking forward to hearing from you!

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES – MINISTERS NEEDED PLEASE:

We are in need of several ministers for our two First Holy Communion Masses later this month, particularly Welcomers since we have a lot of visitors to our parish for First Communion and it would be great if the visitors can be greeted at the door by a friendly face. See the roster at the back of the church to see the positions that need to be filled and add your name to the sheet on the table below the rosters if you can help. These two Masses are at 11:30am on Sunday 23rd and 30th September and are additional Sunday Masses so if you are able to come along, you won't need to go to another Mass that weekend as it's the usual Sunday Mass for the weekend. Thank you!

HOLY COMMUNION PIETY STALL GIFTS: The Piety Stall has a number of items available for purchase for 1st Holy Communion for boys and girls. There are a number of new gifts and you are welcome to come along and see items. If you wish to purchase during the week please come to the Parish Office and we will open for you. Prices are very reasonable.

DIOCESAN NEWS...

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

WALKING WITH REFUGEES: The Diocesan Journey continues with a Celebration Lunch from 11:45am – 2:30pm **Sat 8th Sept** at Patrician Brothers College Flushcombe Rd Blacktown. Come together to hear and share our stories and successes. Learn about what's happening right now for refugees and people seeking protection and explore what we can do together over the next 12 months. Payment \$25 cash on the day as a donation and cost of catering to House

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY