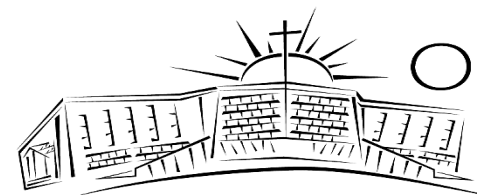


Acolytes, Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers, please remember to arrive ready 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

“Still a wonderful place to pray & stay.”

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

		September 15/16	
Acolytes	Vigil 8am 9.30am	John Jordan Jim Said Lawrence Falzon	
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am	Laura, Anna Bellissimo Fennie Balatbat, Adrian Walker Mercy Aquino, Barbara Chandler, Jude Dias, Edith, Ernie Gartner, Dawn Manamperi	
Readers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am	Benno Motha, Denis Symon Kamela HuiHui, Kathy Walker Ian Epondulan, Helen Katopau Alexander Bateman-Paul, Benjamin, Nathan Clark, Jayden, Caitlyn Rambukwella	
Altar Servers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am	Thomas Osbourne, Rebecca, Mathew Said Celestina, Oliana, Chiara Katopau	
Musicians	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Deane Do Rosario, Couples for Christ Folk Group	
Children's	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only	
Rosary		The Menezes Family 75 Grantham Road, Seven Hills	
Flowers		Fennie & Angela	
Bookshop	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Mariane Descombes Sheila Enright Erika Hien	
Morning Church Cleaning	Tea 22 Sept	The Malayalee Community Andrew, Ramzee	
Welcomers	6pm 8am 9.30am	Kathy Chamberlain, Ram Ugre, Mary Jordan, VOLUNTEERS Annette Peatman, VOLUNTEERS Anna Lopeti, Erika Hien, VOLUNTEERS	

PARISH DIARY

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 BBQ 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
26 Sept 1st Communion Group B Practice	6.30pm
27 Sept Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm
29 Sept Mens Group Parish Meeting Room	8.30am
30 Sept 1st Holy Communion Group B	11.30am
1 Oct Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
4 Oct Healing Mass	8.00am
4 Oct Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
5 Oct Exposition Divine Mercy Mass	7.30pm
8 Oct Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
8 Oct St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm

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Principal: Ms Keiran Byrnes

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Public School Catechist Co-Ordinator: Mr Bob McNally

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd September, 2018 Year B

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

HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK
1st Thursday of month at 8am. **4th October**

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

Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass **5th October 7.30pm**

A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

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

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.

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

READINGS FOR Next Sunday 1st Reading: Is 50:5-9
2nd Reading: James 2:14-18
Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

I gave my body to those who struck me.
Faith without good works is dead.
You are the Christ...The Son of Man was destined to suffer much

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

OPENING PRAYER: O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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: *Praise the Lord, my soul!*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia

COMMUNION VERSE: *Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.*

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 Tiplado, Letitia Haines, Rose Stambouliah, Andrew Fedrigo, Nancy Woussef, Paul Gerard, Helen Diab.

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, Lauren Gerges, Hai Chan Phen

Anniversaries: Mary Muscat, Paul Commarmond, Amirtham John, John Ratnam, Horace Baptist, Leonora Quirante, Julia Hernandez, Sheena Symon, Caroline Susainathan, Emmanuel Falzon, Charlie Galea, Salvatore Loria, Rosa Mancina., Laureano Reyes, Ceferino Cabasa, Rita Marcello

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

A PRAYER FOR OPENING TO GOD

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, faith in your word is the way to wisdom and to ponder your divine plan is to grow in the truth. Open our eyes to your deeds, our ears to the sound of your call, so that our every act may increase our sharing in the life have offered us .

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes	\$ 2622.70
Loose	\$ 721.00
TOTAL	\$ 3343.70
WEEKLY TARGET:	\$3500.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FATHER'S DAY DONATIONS TOTAL \$2594.10

CUPPA FOR OUR CARPARK

Donated to date \$ 17623.62 Balance \$57376.38

DIRECT DEPOSIT:

Banking details are BSB: 067 950; Account Number 000552; Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church. Please mark your ref: Surname/Carpark or via

MASTERCARD OR VISA ONLY CARD

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.

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

MORE ALIVE, MORE HUMAN

Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. On the contrary, you will become what the Father had in mind when he created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self. To depend on God sets us free from every form of enslavement and leads us to recognize our great dignity. We see this in Saint Josephine Bakhita: "Abducted and sold into slavery at the tender age of seven, she suffered much at the hands of cruel masters. But she came to understand the profound truth that God, and not man, is the true Master of every human being, of every human life. This experience became a source of great wisdom for this humble daughter of Africa".

To the extent that each Christian grows in holiness, he or she will bear greater fruit for our world. The bishops of West Africa have observed that "we are being called in the spirit of the New Evangelization to be evangelized and to evangelize through the empowering of all you, the baptized, to take up your roles as salt of the earth and light of the world wherever you find yourselves".

Do not be afraid to set your sights higher, to allow yourself to be loved and liberated by God. Do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. Holiness does not make you less human, since it is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God's grace. For in the words of León Bloy, when all is said and done, "the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint".

Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Lately we have heard a lot of a Church event called Plenary Council 2020, and many of us, just like me, would scratch their head and asked the question, 'what is it?' and 'what is all the fuss about?' Recently I have attended a diocesan conference with our School Staff about this topic where participants were encouraged to talk about any issues they would like to bring to the Council. I, however, left the meeting still in a state of ignorance about what it really means, and so decided to do some research to help inform myself and hopefully some of our parishioners, too.

Well, a Plenary Council, in the nutshell, is the traditional forum for Church leaders to wrestle with contemporary issues in the light of the Gospel, and respond in term of faith, morals, governance, discipline and worship, and the last time we had such a council was a little more than 80 years ago, in 1937 to be exact.

Given Pope Francis' approval, our 5th Plenary Council will consist of 260 – 300 members from two groups, including (1) the 'must be called', meaning all active bishops, vicar generals, Episcopal vicars, some major superiors of religious institutes, some rectors of major seminaries, all rectors of Catholic universities, and all deans of faculties and canon law, and (2) the 'can be called', represented by titular and retired bishops living in Australia, other priests, and other female, male religious and lay people. Of all council members, only the bishops will have a deliberative vote, and the rest a consultative vote only, and together they will enact laws, which, subject to approval by the Pope, will bind all Australian Catholics.

Note that when members meet for the first time, they will have an agenda before them, decided on by the episcopal Commission overseeing the Council's preparations. Right now, we are invited by our bishop to engage in a listening forum by having our say or says via either our diocesan link on www.parracatholic.org/haveyoursay, or discussion groups, as grassroot consultative means to gather as many materials and information as we can for the Council agenda.

In the context of Plenary Council 2020, it is very appropriate to link it with the Gospel narrative this Sunday, which deals with Jesus' healing work to help a man defected both in hearing and in speech. All Jesus has done is to tap the man's ears with his fingers and to touch his tongue with spittle, and said the magic word, 'Ephphata', meaning 'be opened', and the disabled man was completely healed from the defects.

Let us ask the Lord to our ears and tongues, and repeat the Ephphata word to each of us today, so that we may be able to share what our Church needs to hear the most to help it remain credible and relevant to God's people in this land today. Have a good listening 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

LOURDES OVER 50'S Meeting and 21st Anniversary Complimentary BBQ will be on next Thursday 13th September from 10.30 am till 1.00 pm.

MINISTER'S RETREAT: Thank you to Brother Bill on behalf of the Parish for his very insightful presentation at our Ministers meeting on Friday Night. We had a wonderful group from our ministries and really appreciate the efforts of all who joined.



FIRST COMMUNION Mass ministers – can you help?

Thank you to those who signed up last weekend to assist with the First Holy Communion Masses. For 30th Sept 11.30am Mass we are still in need of the following: 1 Minister of the Eucharist, 1 reader and 4 servers. If you are able to assist, please add your name to the list at the back of the church. 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 up for you. Prices are very reasonable.

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@lol7hills.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!

DIOCESAN NEWS...

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: PLANNING MEETING: YOUR VOICE MATTERS

It is time to begin planning our group discussions in the Parish - a vitally important task. Parishioners are needed to help manage this task and to learn more about the ways to facilitate and manage discussion within groups at our General Parish Meetings. Please come along on **Tues 18 Sept 7:30pm** in the meeting room to learn how to help our parishioners **HAVE THEIR SAY** through our parish group discussions. Parish groups such as Choirs, Legion of Mary, St Vincent DePaul, Prayer groups etc need to send a member along to help guide their groups through the listening process using the booklet provided. Your group's experience and advice is a vital part of the way forward. Please just come along on the night or better still, place your name on the sheet provided at the rear of the church. Thank you.

PLENARY 2020 INFORMATION AND TRAINING: Learn about the Australian Catholic Bishops Plenary Council's impact on you. Receive support to share the Plenary invitation with parish, friends and family.

20 Sept, 7-9.30pm, Parramatta Cathedral Hall
29 Sept, 10am-12.30pm, St Thomas Aquinas Springwood School Hall (168 Hawkesbury Rd)
29 Sept, 2-4.30pm, Emu Plains School Hall (17 Troy Street)
RSVP: marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org / 8838 3460 with date, time and parish/agency.

WYD 2019: Support a pilgrim on their way to World Youth Day 2019. See the great prizes and purchase online available by entering <https://www.rafflelink.com.au/wyd2019>. Tickets are priced at \$2 each. Not sure what group to support? Simply click "other" when purchasing tickets.

NATURAL FERTILITY SERVICES: "My husband and I opted for Natural Family Planning (NFP) after our first baby, we'd struggled with other means of fertility management prior to this. Since then, we've been shocked by just one thing, hardly anyone knows about it! Our educator has patiently guided us in learning, implementing and having confidence in ourselves. Best of all, NFP goes hand-in-hand with faith, as God's handiwork is on vibrant display in the human body. Beyond its practical benefits, NFP has revealed to us the astounding mechanisms that God has set in motion in our bodies to create life. NFP is family planning God's way". A couple in their 40's with two children. To learn more about Natural Family Planning in the Diocese of Parramatta contact: nfs@parracatholic.org.

ADULT CONFIRMATION FOR 2018: Adult Confirmation for 2018 will be held on Friday 12 October, 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Any adult over 16 years of age wanting to be confirmed please see your Parish Office for information or ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org

LAWN AND GARDEN SERVICES: HELP CATHOLICCARE TO HELP DISABLED WORKERS: CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains (CatholicCare) is the Diocesan Social Services organisation. Our Mamre Garden Services employs disabled people in a lawn and garden service for both residential and commercial clients. The team of workers is supervised by our Garden Crew Supervisor. Each job is quoted separately and you will

