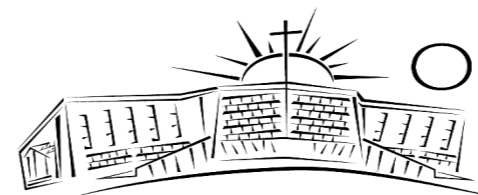


**Acolytes, Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers, please remember to arrive ready 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass.**



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

*"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."*

**Parish Priest:** Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran  
**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Debra Price  
**Sacrament & Youth Co-Ordinator:** Mrs Judy Barden  
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**Parish School:** Our Lady of Lourdes  
**Principal:** Ms Keiran Byrnes

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**Public School Catechist Co-Ordinator:** Mr Bob McNally

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd 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** **21st November** 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** **23rd September** 1st Sunday of the month 9.30am  
**7th October**

**Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass** **5th October** 7.00pm

**A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses**

**READINGS FOR This Sunday** 1st Reading: Wis 2:12,17-20  
2nd Reading: James 3:16-4:3

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death  
Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace  
The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity....  
All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all

**READINGS FOR Next Sunday** 1st Reading: Num 11:25-29  
2nd Reading: James 5:1-6  
Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?  
Your wealth is rotting  
Anyone who is not against us if for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.*

**OPENING PRAYER:** O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 Lord upholds my life*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia

**COMMUNION VERSE:** *You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.*

	<b>September 22/23</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Vigil 8am Lawrence Falzon 9.30am Louis Fernandes David Christian
<b>Ministers</b>	Vigil Christine Menezes, Marinela Simic 8.00am Lorraine Fernandes, Andrew Millar 9.30am Paul Gow, Ramzee Michael
<b>Readers</b>	Vigil Crystal, Stefanie Menezes 8.00am Adrian Walker, Bob McNally 9.30am Mariane Descombes, VOLUNTEER
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Vigil Juan Burgess, Carol Cyril, Makayla Dalmati, Jesseline Franco, Christian Milicevic 8.00am Isabella Dela Cruz, Joshua, Amelia Herczeg 9.30 Sofia Culili, Larissa Leary, Mary-Rose Mejalli, Ruby, Riley Sultana
<b>Musicians</b>	Vigil 8am Perry's Angels 9.30am Perry's Angels Maria Balatbat
<b>Children's Rosary</b>	Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only The Stambouliah Family 16 Oakwood Road, Toongabbie
<b>Flowers</b>	Priya & Mary B
<b>Bookshop</b>	Vigil 8am Greg Watkins 9.30am Edith Gartner Carole Brooks
<b>Morning Church Cleaning</b>	Tea 26 Sept Couples for Christ Sue, Felicity, Joyce
<b>Welcomers</b>	6pm VOLUNTEERS 8am Joyce Hillbrick, Chandra Sampanthan 9.30am VOLUNTEERS

couple of hours once a week or fortnight to take a client out shopping or to a medical appointment or just stop by for a cuppa and a chat. We also require drivers who are able to drive a 12 seater Hiace bus. If this interests you, please contact Deb Woolacott on 8843 2541, 0418 114 055, or email deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

**SACRED HEART WESTMEAD SHOPPING TRIP: 11 NOVEMBER:** Come shopping with us on a Fundraising Shopping Trip on Sun 11 Nov. Raising funds for Sacred Heart Westmead. Includes: coach travel, tea & bistro lunch, lucky door & raffle prizes. Tickets: Adults \$62, Seniors/Students \$52, Children (5-17 years) \$22. Tour departs: 7am Seven Hills Train Station & Sacred Heart Parish Westmead. For Bookings: 9635 9262; office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au. Bookings are essential & close: 28 October 2018

	<b>September 29/30</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Vigil 8am Abel Do Rosario 9.30am Bob McNally Noel Emmanuel
<b>Ministers</b>	Vigil Louise La Guidara, Crystal Menezes 8.00am James Dinning, Anne McNally 9.30am Dawn Manamperi, Nancy Shami
<b>Readers</b>	Vigil Noreen Rosario, Marinela Simic 8.00am Kamela Maka, Priya Joachim 9.30am Mercy Aquino, Rob Simpson
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Vigil Noah Ebb, Alex LaGuidara, Arshaan, Arzaan Netto, Aryan Roy 8.00am Jaylen, Riley, Erika Naing 9.30am Umesh Samarasekera, Jerard Sarmiento, Mathew Shawcross, Alexandra, Mikayla Simpson
<b>Musicians</b>	Vigil 8am Maria Balatbat, Fr Henry, 9.30am Perry's Angels
<b>Children's Rosary</b>	Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only The Maka Family 69 Seven Hills Road, Seven Hills
<b>Flowers</b>	Fennie & Angela
<b>Bookshop</b>	Vigil 8am VOLUNTEER 9.30am VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER
<b>Morning Church Cleaning</b>	Tea 3 Oct Imelda Carole, Lourdes, Vinnie, Suzy
<b>Welcomers</b>	6pm Karen Eleazar, Marian Descombes, David Christian VOLUNTEERS 8am Rita Paolini, Helen Gonzales, VOLUNTEERS 9.30am Lena Falzon, Artelle Lenthall, VOLUNTEERS

### PARISH DIARY

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
30 Sept	<b>1st Holy Communion Group B</b>	<b>11.30am</b>

### OCTOBER

**1-12 Oct LOWER CARPARK UPGRADE –limited access**

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	7.00pm
8 Oct	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
8 Oct	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm

**New Parishioners**  
Would you like to join or maybe receive a visit from Fr Henry or a parishioner?

**Sick or Housebound**  
Do you know someone who would like Holy Communion or a visit?

**Planned Giving**  
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 Tiplado, Letitia Haines, Rose Stambouliah, Andrew Fedrigo, Nancy Youssef, Paul Gerard, Helen Diab, Alexander Balatbat

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: Anne Menezes, Lakshman Perera, Paskin Almeida, Susanne Nadal, Lauren Gerges, Hai Chan Phen, Jose Cordovilla Descalzo Jr, Jane Refalo,



Anniversaries: Pauline Meilak, Mary Muscat, Mary Silva, Nevis Fernando, Dorothy Slater, Josephine Borg, John Sellick, Joseph Borg, Mary Zammit, Horace Baptist, Emmanuel & Charlie Galea, Sheena Landagah, Joseph Camenzuli, Bertu Mula, Carmelo & Paula Bugey, Cini & Mangion Families, Philip Singh, Poul Hansen, Noura Bayssari

Remembrance: Wayne Cregan, John & Sharon Lawrence, Roy, Mary and Des Barney, Mary Muscat, Pauline Meilak, Stephen & Louis Mula, 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 you have offered us .

### MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$2149.00  
Loose \$1022.00  
TOTAL \$ 3171.00  
WEEKLY TARGET: \$3500.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### CUPPA FOR OUR CARPARK

Donated to date \$ 17683.62 Balance \$57296.38

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

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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.

### FROM POPE FRANCIS

### A DOCTRINE WITHOUT MYSTERY

Gnosticism is one of the most sinister ideologies because, while unduly exalting knowledge or a specific experience, it considers its own vision of reality to be perfect. Thus, perhaps without even realizing it, this ideology feeds on itself and becomes even more myopic. It can become all the more illusory when it masks itself as a disembodied spirituality. For gnosticism "by its very nature seeks to domesticate the mystery", whether the mystery of God and his grace, or the mystery of others' lives. When somebody has an answer for every question, it is a sign that they are not on the right road. They may well be false prophets, who use religion for their own purposes, to promote their own psychological or intellectual theories. God infinitely transcends us; he is full of surprises. We are not the ones to determine when and how we will encounter him; the exact times and places of that encounter are not up to us. Someone who wants everything to be clear and sure presumes to control God's transcendence. Nor can we claim to say where God is not, because God is mysteriously present in the life of every person, in a way that he himself chooses, and we cannot exclude this by our presumed certainties. Even when someone's life appears completely wrecked, even when we see it devastated by vices or addictions, God is present there. If we let ourselves be guided by the Spirit rather than our own preconceptions, we can and must try to find the Lord in every human life. This is part of the mystery that a gnostic mentality cannot accept, since it is beyond its control.

Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE



### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

This week I had a chance to sit down with a friend of mine, an ex-seminarian, both to share a lunch and to reminisce our time in preparation for the formation program back in Vietnam. My friend used to serve at daily Mass as an altar boy, and was entrusted with the task to prepare the vestment for the priest prior to Mass, and I was surprised to learn that I didn't have to do that. I guess that it was because the nuns in my parish could do a much better job than the boys. For the weekday Mass at Seven Hills, Fr Ed and I have been spoilt to have our hard-working sacristans always available to prepare vestments for us, and we are very grateful for their faithful service, which very much reflects the spirit of service that Jesus encourages his disciples to strike for, the spirit that many of our parishioners have carried out in various parish ministries to serve the community, the spirit that looks for nothing in return and has become the hallmark of Jesus' discipleship, just like the cross has been the badge of his discipleship in the Gospel narrative last week. Perhaps that is why Jesus brings a little child to stand before the disciples and instruct them to welcome little children, and to compare such a gesture as a good work given to Jesus himself, and then his Father.

Remember that Jesus makes the intervention as the disciples keep on arguing with one another about who is the best and the greatest. Today Jesus begins to reveal to them what it means to be the best and the greatest in the Kingdom of God. It is the opposite of human wisdom and experiences, for it requires the greatest to serve instead of being served by others. Let us pray that we always remember to show our Christian greatest to those around us by the way we humbly offer our service.

Have a great serving week.

Fr Henry.



### PARISH NEWS...

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations to the children from our Parish who celebrate their First Holy communion this Sunday and next Sunday at a special 11.30am Mass. We will keep you in our prayers as you continue on your journey of Faith. A big thank you also to the parishioners who have volunteered to serve at our First Holy Communion Masses of these weekends, your support is greatly appreciated. The rosters for ministers for these extra two masses is on the noticeboard at the rear of the church, highlighted green on the roster sheet.

EXPOSITION & DIVINE MERCY: Come along next Friday 5th October at 7.30pm to these devotions held on the First Friday of each month to pray for ourselves, Our Church and the whole world. Please spare your time to join us.

HEALING MASS: Our next monthly Healing Mass is on next Thursday 4th October, at 8am. This Sacrament of Healing is for those who are experiencing illness either physical or spiritual, for those who wish their lives to be strengthened or healed, for those preparing for an operation and those who are experiencing the infirmity of old age. All are welcome

LOURDES OVER 50'S public transport outing Thurs 27 Sept to Manly meeting at Seven Hills station for the 9.28am train to the city. If you would like to join the group please contact John Lyon on 0402 260 856.

MEN'S BREAKFAST -Our bi-monthly breakfast which was set for 29th September has been cancelled. Instead we will meet on the 27 October and again in November as we have interesting guests both months. In October Sr Margaret Shephard, a Sister of Mercy, will share her experience of living with refugees on Christmas Island and in Curtin Detention Centre in WA. Put the date in your diary - October 27th.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: PARISH PLANNING MEETING: Special thanks to the 20 parishioners who gathered with Father Henry last Tuesday night to familiarise themselves with the Plenary Council 2020 and to confirm our parishes involvement with this process. After watching to inspiring videos featuring Archbishops Mark Coleridge and Timothy Costello, we were divided into three groups to each undertake the process of selecting three high priority items to be recommended to the Plenary Council. In the normal process these items would each be discussed involving a listening process over the next three meetings held.

Each group spent a very animated hour in the process of arriving at their recommendations and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. This same experience will be offered to all parishioners over the next three months. Make sure you come along to these meetings and Have Your Say. More details next week.

CARPARK WORK UPDATE: The carpark will be upgraded in the October school holidays. The driveway will be inaccessible to traffic Mon Oct 1 to Fri Oct 5 inclusive - pedestrian access only will be available during this time. The lower carpark in front of the school will be inaccessible from Mon Oct 1 until Fri Oct 12 including the weekend of the 6/7 October. The Parramatta Diocese School CEO will cover the costs of this new scope of works. We thank them for their contribution to our Community.

HOLY COMMUNION PIETY STALL GIFTS: The Piety Stall has a number of items available for purchase for 1st Holy Communion for boys and girls. You are welcome to come along anytime to the Parish Office and we will open up for you. Prices are very reasonable.

### DIOCESAN NEWS...

TABLE TALK WITH REFUGEES: ST ANTHONY'S TOONGABBIE: Would like to invite all parishioners to join them for an evening to hear about the issues and experiences of refugees from refugees themselves, as requested by Bishop Vincent. Date: Sat 13th Oct directly after 5.30 Mass refreshments 6.30-7pm RSVP 9631 3316 Mrs Luisa Luccitti

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. 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.

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 ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org

### Mary, Queen of the Family Parish is joining forces with One Meal – It Makes a Difference to support One Meal's Blacktown meal service, held on Saturday afternoons.

One Meal – It Makes a Difference is a not for profit, 100% volunteer community organisation that helps to feed, clothe and support the homeless and underprivileged. They need our help! The One Meal mission is to provide healthy nutritious meals and a range of human services to the homeless, destitute, impoverished and underprivileged people and to assist in advancing the well-being, outlook on life and prospects for future independence of their Patrons We are seeking volunteers to join teams to take part in this program. In short, volunteers will be required to prepare and serve food (once every 10-12 weeks). There are opportunities for those who would prefer to prepare food and not attend the services (and vice versa). Please contact Terri Sebastian via the parish office (9622 1125) or on 0466 418 809 for more information about how to get involved.

### CELEBRATING THE JOURNEY: You are invited to our Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass & Lunch

Sunday 28th October, 2018 11am Mass - St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta Followed by lunch at Parish Hall. The Diocese of Parramatta invites all married Couples, together with their families and guests, to attend the Diocesan Mass for Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries. Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev Bishop Vincent at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Sunday 28th October at 11am. This invitation is extended to all married couples to give thanks for their contribution to the Church through the faithful living out of their vocation. We give a Certificate of Blessing from the Bishop for those celebrating: 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and over 50 years.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, are looking for volunteers to support our clients in the Blacktown area who are over 65 and living in their own home. You may be able to spare a