

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

	October 27/28
Acolytes	Vigil 8am John Jordan 8am Jim Said 9.30am Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am Charmaine Jansz, Louise La Guidara Priya Joachim Eugene Miu 9.30am Paul Gow, VOLUNTEER
Readers	Vigil 8.00am Alison Punch, Marinela Simic 8.00am Bob McNally, Kamela HuiHui 9.30am FAMILY MASS
Altar Servers	Vigil Benjamin, Nathan Clark, Madisen Estil, Alex La Guidara 8.00am Lucas Pascu, Rebecca, Mathew Said 9.30am Sofia Culili, Isabella Dela Cruz, Karuniya Maruthanayagam, Rynan Michal, Daniel Tenn
Musicians	Vigil 8am Perry's Angels 9.30am Perry's 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 Bonnici
Bookshop	Vigil 8am Greg Watkins 9.30am Edith Gartner, Carole Brooks
Morning Church Cleaning	Tea John & An O'Brien 3 Nov Judith and Adrian
Welcomers	6pm Mary Jordan, Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEERS 8am Joyce Hillbrick, Chandra Sampanthan, VOLUNTEERS 9.30am Maria Michael, Helen Gonzales, VOLUNTEERS

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

	November 3/4
Acolytes	Vigil 8am Derick Soares 9.30am Bob McNally Ian Epondulan
Ministers	Vigil James Dinning, Stefanie, Crystal, Christine Menezes, Rosey Soares, Vinnie Zahra 8.00am Fennie Balatbat, Adrian Walker 9.30am Anna Bellissimo, Paul Gow
Readers	Vigil 8.00am Andrew Millar, Pepito Ferriols 9.30am Laura Bellissimo, Ryan Epondulan
Altar Servers	Vigil Caitlyn Rambukwella, Volunteers 8.00am Jayden Cortis, Aaron, Isaac Rosario 9.30 Connor, Ethan Ballment, Carl, Marc Gallema, Veronica Wondo
Musicians	Vigil 8am Youth for Christ 9.30am Grace Notes Christine Clarke
Children's Rosary	Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month only The Menezes Family 39 Winnipeg Street, Seven Hills
Flowers	Fenty & Santih
Bookshop	Vigil 8am Vinnie Zahra 9.30am VOLUNTEER Edmund Joseph
Morning Church Cleaning	Tea Florida Datuin 7 Nov Carole, Lourdes, Vinnie, Suzy
Welcomers	6pm Helen Gonzales, VOLUNTEERS 8am Rita Paolini, Karen Eleazar, Olivia Cortis 9.30am Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS

PARISH DIARY

OCTOBER		
29 Oct	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
NOVEMBER		
1 Nov	All Saints	8.00am
1 Nov	Healing Mass	8.00am
1 Nov	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
2 Nov	Exposition & Divine Mercy Mass	7.30pm
4 Nov	Remembrance Sunday	6pm, 8am 9.30am
5 Nov	Legion of Mary Meeting	1.30pm
5 Nov	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
6 Nov	Lourdes Over 50's Meeting	10.30am



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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Public School Catechist Co-Ordinator: Mr Bob McNally

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
28th October, 2018 Year B

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 2nd November 7.00pm

HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK 1st Thursday of month at 8am. **1st November**
RECONCILIATION Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm
MARRIAGES Please contact Parish Office 6 months prior to the wedding
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION **21st November** 7.30pm
 Baptisms 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am
FAMILY MASS **25th November**
YOUTH MASS 1st Sunday of the month 9.30am
4th November

A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

READINGS FOR This Sunday 1st Reading: Jer 31:7-9
 2nd Reading: Heb 5:1-6
 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52
READINGS FOR Next Sunday 1st Reading: Deut 6:2-6
 2nd Reading: Heb 7:23-28
 Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

I shall lead them back in mercy— both the blind and the lame
 You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek
 Master, grant that I may see.
 Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.
 This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood
 This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Let the hearts that seek, the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.*

OPENING PRAYER: Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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 has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia

COMMUNION VERSE: *We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.*



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Q&A: November 5 @ 5.30pm - Aquinas Academy Sydney

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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Name	Name	Name
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Telephone	Telephone	Telephone

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Sue Tipaldo, Letitia Haines, Rose Stambouliah, Andrew Fedrigo, Nancy Youssef, Paul Gerard, Helen Diab, Alexander Balatbat, Gordon McLandsborough, Michael Sant, Marlene Mussa. **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: Evangeline Garcia, Brian Harnett, Anne Menezes, Guy Berville, Lakshman Perera, Charlie Tanti, Cody Jordan, Francisco Paquito Garcia, Ferdie Mejia



Anniversaries: Martha Joseph, Joe, Spiro, Charlie, Sam Borg, John Portelli, Rosary Silva, Stanley Motha, Guiseppe, Nin Paolini, Elena Zoratto, Maria Mancina, Mary Muscat, Joseph Bartok, Herbert McKertich, Carmena Vella, Giovanna Camilleri

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

A Prayer for opening to God¹

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 \$ 2072.00
Loose \$ 811.00
TOTAL \$ 2883.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$3500.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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Donated to date \$ 18943.62 Balance \$56056.38



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Envelopes available at rear of church

BULLETIN NEWS AND INFORMATION: Please ensure all articles for the Parish Bulletin are in the office by 12pm each Tuesday to ensure they are able to be included for the weekend due to changes of Office Staff.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Please note the next meeting for St Vincent De Paul will be on Monday 5th November at 7pm in the Meeting Room. All Welcome.

FROM POPE FRANCIS NEW PELAGIANS

Still, some Christians insist on taking another path, that of justification by their own efforts, the worship of the human will and their own abilities. The result is a self-centred and elitist complacency, bereft of true love. This finds expression in a variety of apparently unconnected ways of thinking and acting: an obsession with the law, an absorption with social and political advantages, a punctilious concern for the Church's liturgy, doctrine and prestige, a vanity about the ability to manage practical matters, and an excessive concern with programmes of self-help and personal fulfilment. Some Christians spend their time and energy on these things, rather than letting themselves be led by the Spirit in the way of love, rather than being passionate about communicating the beauty and the joy of the Gospel and seeking out the lost among the immense crowds that thirst for Christ.

Not infrequently, contrary to the promptings of the Spirit, the life of the Church can become a museum piece or the possession of a select few. This can occur when some groups of Christians give excessive importance to certain rules, customs or ways of acting. The Gospel then tends to be reduced and constricted, deprived of its simplicity, allure and savour. This may well be a subtle form of pelagianism, for it appears to subject the life of grace to certain human structures. It can affect groups, movements and communities, and it explains why so often they begin with an intense life in the Spirit, only to end up fossilized... or corrupt. Once we believe that everything depends on human effort as channelled by ecclesial rules and structures, we unconsciously complicate the Gospel and become enslaved to a blueprint that leaves few openings for the working of grace. Saint Thomas Aquinas reminded us that the precepts added to the Gospel by the Church should be imposed with moderation "lest the conduct of the faithful become burdensome", for then our religion would become a form of servitude.

The summation of the Law To avoid this, we do well to keep reminding ourselves that there is a hierarchy of virtues that bids us seek what is essential. The primacy belongs to the theological virtues, which have God as their object and motive. At the centre is charity. Saint Paul says that what truly counts is "faith working through love" (Gal 5:6). We are called to make every effort to preserve charity: "The one who loves another has fulfilled the law... for love is the fulfilment of the law" (Rom 13:8.10). "For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'" (Gal 5:14).

In other words, amid the thicket of precepts and prescriptions, Jesus clears a way to seeing two faces, that of the Father and that of our brother. He does not give us two more formulas or two more commands. He gives us two faces, or better yet, one alone: the face of God reflected in so many other faces. For in every one of our brothers and sisters, especially the least, the most vulnerable, the defenceless and those in need, God's very image is found. Indeed, with the scraps of this frail humanity, the Lord will shape his final work of art. For "what endures, what has value in life, what riches do not disappear? Surely these two: the Lord and our neighbour. These two riches do not disappear!"

May the Lord set the Church free from these new forms of gnosticism and pelagianism that weigh her down and block her progress along the path to holiness! These aberrations take various shapes, according to the temperament and character of each person. So I encourage everyone to reflect and discern before God whether they may be present in their lives.

Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

My grandfather, Dad's father, was a bookish man who had a good collection of the Vietnamese classics. I had the privilege to comb through it from a very young age, and then added on to it with a few contemporary items I bought later on when I had the opportunities to go to the bookshop in the city of Mytho where my seminary was located.



However, my grandfather's love of reading was cut short sometime before I had to flee Vietnam in 1984. His eyesight became very poor to the point he could no longer read anything. None in my family then had any idea that a simple cataract operation could solve such an optical problem, and Fred Hollows years later saw the need and moved in to help bring the sight back for thousands of the Vietnamese, who suffered a similar condition to my grandfather.

In a way, dare I say that Fred is a fine example to help us reflect well upon the healing work that Jesus performed in the Gospel today to give the eyesight to Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, who was dragging a miserable life by begging for help by the road side.

People obviously showed no regard for him, and he seemed to have even no right to ask for help from Jesus. 'Many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet', Mark wrote in the narrative.

Jesus, on the other hand, refused to go with the flow, and chose to show respect to Bartimaeus' dignity by asking the man the question, 'what do you want me to do for you?' Bartimaeus was frank in telling Jesus of his need, which of course was his eyesight, and Jesus helped to fulfil his wish simply by telling him, 'Go, your faith has saved you.'

There are a few different points that we can talk about this Gospel reading, such as the power of faith, the symbol of the sight or the healing touch of Jesus. However, the gentle and respectful way that Jesus related to Bartimaeus tends to stand out. Pray that we all may be inspired by Jesus' example in showing our sincere respect to everyone around us, especially the down trodden and the disadvantaged. Have a courtesy-oriented week. **Fr Henry.**

PARISH NEWS...

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 PARISH GROUP SHARING

You are all invited to come to the Meeting Room on Tuesday 30 October at 7:30pm to HAVE YOUR SAY on the issues facing our Bishops in Australia. For part 1 of the night we will explore more deeply the reasons for reintroducing the 3rd Rite of Reconciliation; for building and maintaining a solid faith foundation and the love of the Mass; and how we can strengthen the community in terms of personal relationships with one another. Our group members have agreed that these three issues are extremely important in helping to further advance our community spirit at Seven Hills. So come along with your ideas on the best way of achieving positive results in these three areas. Part 2 will allow all members to continue to submit their ideas on further issues that will help advance our Church in Australia. Everyone's ideas are important so please come along and help us to build a stronger and more relevant church in Australia. Thank you.

RCIA: We are inviting all who are interested to become Catholic to join our RCIA program 2018-2019. Please contact Fr Henry for a chat before the start of the program.

FAREWELL: Due to urgent needs for a better recovery from her illnesses, Debra has made the difficult decision to leave the position as our Parish secretary after more than ten years of dedicated and wholehearted service given to our parish community.

This is a great loss to us and it is very sad not to see her around in the office from the end of the month. I would like to truly thank Debra for her utmost dedication, professionalism and loyalty, and wish her all the best with all the treatments.

A Farewell Mass for Debra will be on Sunday November 4 at 9.30am with a special morning tea to follow, and I am very grateful if you can help to bring a plate for morning tea.

MASSES FOR THE FEASTS OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

November 1st - All Saints: 8am & 9.15am.
 November 2nd - All Souls: 8am & 7.30pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction at 7pm



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Throughout this month of November, we remember in our prayers those who have gone before us, especially those who are dear to us. In this spirit of remembrance, all are invited to enter the names of the deceased you would like to pray for in the November book, which will be available at the Baptismal font before Mass, and then placed before the main altar at Mass.

It would also be very helpful if you could leave your November envelopes in the Intention Bowl on the altar.

HSC STUDENTS

Please continue to pray for our year 12 students as they continue with their exams. May the Lord grant them his grace and wisdom to help them do well in their HSC.

THEMES OF CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

This is an initiative of our Central Deanery Pastoral Council aimed to provide leadership formation to God's people in the deanery. All are welcome, especially ministers in our parish. This workshop is being held in our Parish Hall on Wednesday 7th November at 7.30pm. Please sign your name on the clipboard at the rea of the church for registration.

DIOCESAN NEWS...

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.