

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

		November 17/18
Acolytes	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Lawrence Falzon Terry Jordan Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am	Charmaine Jansz, Christine Menezes Bob McNally, Andrew Millar Dawn Manamperi, Maria Michael, Nancy Shami, Anna Lopeti, Carole Brooks, Jude Dias
Readers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am	David Christian, Mariane Descombes Kathy Walker, Karen Eleazar Kamela Maka, Noel Emmanuel
Altar Servers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am	Samuel Thoms, Noah Ebb, Jayden Rambukwella, Chrisa Gonzales, Jesseline Franco Jaylen Naing, Riley Naing, Erika Naing Umesh Samara-Sekera, Matthew Shawcross, Larissa Leary
Musicians	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Deanne Do Rosario Couples for Christ Folk Group
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only The Menezes family 75 Grantham Rd Seven Hills
Flowers		Fennie and Angela
Bookshop	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Mariane Christian Sheila Erika Hien
Morning Church Cleaning	Tea 24 Nov	Pastoral Council Andrew, Ramzee
Welcomers	6pm 8am 9.30am	Helen Gonzales, Volunteers Annette Peatman, Volunteers Erika Hien, Lena Falzon, Kathy Chamberlain, Volunteer

Christmas season on a spiritual high? The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit, 7 day, 110 km Catholic pilgrimage through the Blue Mountains which coincides with the Feast of the Epiphany. The pilgrimage begins at Emu Plains on 2 January, 2019 and finishes at Bell on 8 January, 2019.

Registrations for the full pilgrimage close 9 December with day walk registrations available on the day. For further information and to register see www.epiphanypilgrimage.org or for general information and current news see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>.

Advent Women's Retreat at Notre Dame Sydney

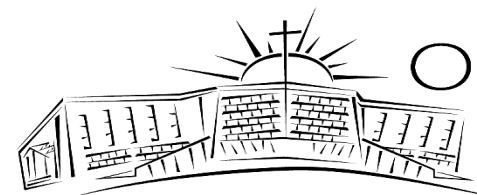
On Saturday December 8 from 9am to 4:30pm, all women are invited to spend a day around the theme "My spirit rejoices in God my saviour." There will be Mass, Adoration, opportunities for Confession and three inspiring talks. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. The retreat is taking place at the Broadway Campus of the University of Notre Dame Australia. It is free, but registration is essential: 02 8204 4189 or online: www.trybooking.com/YRQW.

		November 24/25
Acolytes	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Abel de Rosario Ernie Gartner Eugene Miu
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am	Charmaine Jansz, Louise La Guidara James Dinning, Edith Gartner
Readers	Vigil 9.30am 8.00am 9.30am	Mercy Aquino.Paul Gow Karen Eleazar, Noreen Rosario Bob McNally, Adrian Walker LOLOL Students Year 4
Altar Servers	Vigil 8.00am 9.30am	Alex La Guidara, Joshua Ramachandaran, Tanisha Ramachandaran, Ruby Sultana, Riley Sultana Ethan Neish, Jayda-Leigh Neish, Thomas Osbourne Sofia Culili, Karuniya Maruthanayagam, Daniel Tenn, Florence Wanandy, Gabrielle Ganandy
Musicians	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Perrys Angels Perrys Angels Maria Balatbat
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only Stambouliah Family 16 Oakwood Rd Toongabbie
Flowers		Priya & Mary B
Bookshop	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Greg Edith Carole
Morning Church Cleaning	Tea 24 Nov	John and Ann O'Brien Sue Abela, Felicity Gravina, Joyce Muscat
Welcomers	6pm 8am 9.30am	Helen Gonzales, Ram Ugre, Volunteers Chandra Sampanthan, Ria Paolini, Joyce Hillbrick Volunteers

PARISH DIARY

NOVEMBER

19 Nov	St Vincent de Paul	7pm
21 Nov	Baptism Preparation	7:30pm
22 Nov	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
25 Nov	St Cecelia Celebration	9:30am
26 Nov	Legion of Mary Meeting	1:30pm
27 Nov	Plenary 2020 Meeting	7:30pm
28 Nov	Children's Liturgy of the Word meeting	7pm
29 Nov	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
18th November, 2018 Year B**

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

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

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 **25th November** 1st Sunday of the month 9.30am
2nd December

Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass 7th December 7.00pm

A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

READINGS FOR This Sunday
1st Reading: Dan 12:1-3
2nd Reading: Heb 10:11-14, 18
Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

When that time comes your own people will be spared. By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified. He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

READINGS FOR Next Sunday
1st Reading: Dan 7:13-14
2nd Reading: Apoc 14:1-5
Gospel: John 18:33-37

His sovereignty is eternal. The ruler of the kings of the earth... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God. You say that I am King.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.*

OPENING PRAYER: Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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: *Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man, Alleluia

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.*

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?	Please place on collection Plate Planned Giving Would you like to support our Parish? Envelopes/Credit Card/Direct Debit Available
_____ Name	_____ Name	_____ Name
_____ Telephone	_____ Telephone	_____ Telephone



Let us Pray for the Sick

Sue Tiplado, Letitia Haines, Rose Stambouliah, Andrew Fedrigo, Nancy Youssef, Paul Gerard, Helen Diab, Alexander Balatbat, Gordon McLandsborough, Gabriel Chung

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, Lakshantha Fernando,

Anniversaries: John Spiteri, Martha Joseph, Vincent Gomez, Gerry Leon, Don Slater, Roy Barney, Vincent Sesduero

Remembrance: All those listed in our Remembrance book for November, Wayne Cregan, John & Sharon Lawrence, Roy, Mary and Des Barney, Mary Muscat, Pauline Meilak, Stephen & Louis Mula, Lourda Motha, Sheena Landagan, Lakshman Perera, Harold Lafleur, Rosine Lafleur, Marc Lafleur.

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 \$ 1869.80
Loose \$ 925.00
TOTAL \$ 2794.80
WEEKLY TARGET: \$3500.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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Donated to date \$ 18993.62 Balance \$56006.38

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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.

ST VINCENT de PAUL : MEETINGS

Meetings are held every Monday at 7.00pm except January.

FROM POPE FRANCIS

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God” This Beatitude speaks of those whose hearts are simple, pure and undefiled, for a heart capable of love admits nothing that might harm, weaken or endanger that love. The Bible uses the heart to describe our real intentions, the things we truly seek and desire, apart from all appearances. “Man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart” (1Sam 16:7). God wants to speak to our hearts (Hos 2:16); there he desires to write his law (Jer 31:33). In a word, he wants to give us a new heart (Ezek 36:26). “Guard your heart with all vigilance” (Prov 4:23). Nothing stained by falsehood has any real worth in the Lord’s eyes. He “flees from deceit, and rises and departs from foolish thoughts” (Wis 1:5). The Father, “who sees in secret” (Mt 6:6), recognizes what is impure and insincere, mere display or appearance, as does the Son, who knows “what is in man” (Jn 2:25). Certainly there can be no love without works of love, but this Beatitude reminds us that the Lord expects a commitment to our brothers and sisters that comes from the heart. For “if I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have no love, I gain nothing” (1 Cor 13:3). In Matthew’s Gospel too, we see that what proceeds from the heart is what defiles a person (cf. 15:18), for from the heart come murder, theft, false witness, and other evil deeds (15:19). From the heart’s intentions come the desires and the deepest decisions that determine our actions. A heart that loves God and neighbour (Mt 22:36-40), genuinely and not merely in words, is a pure heart; it can see God. In his hymn to charity, Saint Paul says that “now we see in a mirror, dimly” (1 Cor 13:12), but to the extent that truth and love prevail, we will then be able to see “face to face”. Jesus promises that those who are pure in heart “will see God”. Keeping a heart free of all that tarnishes love: that is holiness.

Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE

FROM FR. HENRY DUC

More than six years ago, a friend of mine introduced me to a Vietnamese artist, well known for his religious artworks in Vietnam. It was rather a strange encounter for me since he spent most of his time trying to convince me of the prominence of the End time, while I was more interested in learning about his works. It was quite hilarious when my companion whispered in my ear outside the studio of the artist, ‘He’s desperate for that Day, because he’s been in troubles financially.’ My friend was correct, as the artist declared bankrupt a year later due to his financial mismanagement. In the Gospel this weekend marking the last Sunday of this liturgical year, we have a chance to reflect upon the End time through the apocalyptic vision presented to the disciples by Jesus.

It’s worth remembering that the writer of Mark’s gospel might have written his story at a time when our early Christians had been put to the great test of Roman persecutions and might had wondered whether the End was coming. In all that misery and suffering, this probably aimed to send them a message of hope and exhortation because no matter what happens, the Son of Man will always be in charge. He will re-appear in glory with great power to gather all his followers together. That day was near, but the exact time had remained unknown to all, except the Father.

From a spiritual perspective, this Gospel reminds us of the belief that our world will come to an end, therefore we need to prepare ourselves for that most critical moment of our human existence: the moment we shall be asked by the Ultimate Judge what we have been doing during our time on earth, then we shall know where we stand, depending on our personal reports.



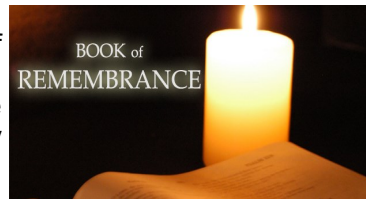
Let us pray that the vision of the End time will help to keep us less distracted from the lures of the world and more focused on the destination of our earthly journey, which is a place with the Son of Man in his heavenly Kingdom, when he comes in the clouds with his glory.

Have a heavenly-oriented week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

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

CENTRAL DEANERY MASS

25th November, at 5:30pm Mary Queen of the Family 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. The youth/young adults of the Central Deanery of the Diocese of Parramatta, invites everyone for a Youth Mass lead by Fr Paul Marshall at Blacktown. There will be Mass followed by food and fellowship commencing after Mass. All youth from the Parishes of the Central Deanery are encouraged to participate in various roles for Mass. Any Four2Eight, Senior Youth or Young Adult’s from our parish who wish to participate please contact Laura Bellissimo (0423 839 333) or Ian Epondulan (0401 161 264). Also see flyers and posters in the church from today or click on the QR code for more info.



ST CECILIA MUSICIAN’S CELEBRATION

On Sunday 25th November at the 9:30am Mass, we will celebrate the Feast of St Cecilia – Patron Saint of Musicians. All musicians and choir members are invited to be a part of this combined celebration. After Mass, there will be a shared morning tea in the parish hall. Parishioners are invited to bring along a plate to share. We thank our musicians and choir members for their continued faithful service to our community and look forward to acknowledging their service on this special day.

Men’s Breakfast - Our final breakfast for the year is in the Meeting Room next Saturday, 24th November at 8.00am. Br Bill Tarrant will be discussing an alternative way of looking at everything - "Seeing with the Eyes of the Heart". Bill is in demand for his spiritual direction and retreats - also for his sense of humour! We look forward to seeing you.

English tutors - We have been approached by Fr Andrew of the Catholic Coptic Church at Prospect for help with his conversational English. If you could be available for an hour or two each month at a time to suit you and Fr Andrew, he would be very grateful as he is keen to improve his ability to preach in English. If you can help please contact Adrian on 0408649327.

Four2Eight will next meet on Sunday 2nd December after the 9:30am Mass for our Christmas Party! Come along and join in the fun.

THANK YOU EVENING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

Are you involved in one of the very many volunteer ministries in our parish? If so, you are invited to a BARBECUE on THURSDAY 6th December in the PARISH HALL from 6.00pm Food and drinks will be supplied so for catering purposes it is very important for you to please write your name, phone number and numbers attending on the sheets at the REAR church doors.

ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Tags for Christmas hampers will be available at the back of the church on 25th November. Hampers are required to be brought in by 9th December to enable them to be handed out before Christmas.



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.

SPECIAL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

At our Parish Pastoral Council meeting last Wednesday evening, representatives of various groups in our parish were invited to join the Parish Pastoral Council for a light dinner and a presentation given by Fr Paul Roberts. Thanks to Fr Paul’s initiatives, we had a lively discussion about the needs of our parish community, and perhaps finished the meeting with a positive feeling of being empowered by his words of encouragement.

One of his thoughts I found very inspiring and thought invoking was the question we were invited to ask of ourselves: ‘What does the Christian faith/belief bring to you?’. This is the question I encourage you to ask of yourselves from today. Let’s start asking the question ‘How does my faith help me or inspire me?’. You could reflect on this as you are on your way to church or home, and pay more attention to what the Lord might inspire you to do as a disciple of his in the world.

MINISTERS - NEW ROSTER

Forms are now available at the back of the church for ministers to renew their information for the next rostering period January - June 2019. You can either complete the form and leave it in the box at the back of the church or, if you received an email last week from the MSP rostering program, you can either send a reply email with your availability or use the online portal of the program to update your information. If you are not currently registered with the rostering program and would like to, please complete a form at the back of the church and print your email address clearly. You will receive an email outlining how to use the online rostering program. All updates must be received by Monday 3rd December so the roster can be completed and published by 17th December.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019

An information meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th December with a repeat of this meeting on Saturday 8th December for any parents wishing to enrol their child to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2019. An information night for parents of children wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation next year will be held in March. For more information, please contact Judy in the parish office on 96222920 or email judyb@olol7hills.com.au

DIOCESAN NEWS...

The Epiphany Pilgrimage: the journey of the Magi

Are you looking for a different way to start the 2019 new year? Maybe to meet some new people, get fit and conclude the