

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

		November 24/25
Acolytes	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Abel de Rosario Ernie Gartner Eugene Miu
Ministers	Vigil	Charmaine Jansz, Louise La Guidara
	8.00am 9.30am	James Dinning, Edith Gartner Mercy Aquino, Paul Gow
Readers	Vigil	Karen Eleazar, Noreen Rosario
	8.00am 9.30am	Bob McNally, Adrian Walker OLOL Students Year 4
Altar Servers	Vigil	Alex La Guidara, Joshua Ramachandaran, Tanisha Ramachandaran, Ruby Sultana, Riley Sultana
	8.00am 9.30am	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	John and Ann O'Brien
Welcomers	24 Nov 6pm 8am 9.30am	Sue Abela, Felicity Gravina, Joyce Muscat Helen Gonzales, Ram Ugre, Volunteers Chandra Sampanthan, Ria Paolini, Joyce Hillbrick Volunteers

		December 1/2
Acolytes	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Derick Soares Terry Jordan Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil	Anna Bellissimo, Cathy Hutchings, Christine Menezes, Jemma Sarmiento, Rosey Soares, Vinnie Zahra
	8.00am	Lorraine Fernandes, Louis Fernandes
	9.30am	Ian Epondulan, Artelle Lenthall
Readers	Vigil	Crystal Menezes, Luois Fernandes
	8.00am 9.30am	Pepito Ferriols, Priya Joachim Erika Hien, Megan Michael
Altar Servers	Vigil	Shaun Baptist, Benjamin Clark, Noah Ebb
	8.00am 9.30am	Jayden Cortis, Amelia Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg Sarah Lenhthall, Rynan Michael, Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park
Musicians	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Youth for Christ Grace Notes Christine Clarke
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only Maka Family 69 Seven Hills Road, Seven Hills
Flowers		Fenty & Santih
Bookshop	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Vinnie VOLUNTEER Edmund
Morning Church Cleaning	Tea	Tongan Choir
Welcomers	5 Dec 6pm 8am 9.30am	Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spitieri, Vinnie Zahra, Suzy Nemorin John Jordan, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER Olivia Cortis, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER Anna Lopeti, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER

PARISH DIARY

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

25 Nov	St Cecelia Celebration	9:30am
26 Nov	Legion of Mary Meeting	1:30pm
26 Nov	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7:00pm
27 Nov	Plenary 2020 Meeting	7:30pm
28 Nov	Children's Liturgy of the Word meeting	7:00pm
29 Nov	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am
29 Nov	Over 50s Outing meet at Seven Hills Stn	9:15am
30 Nov	Tai Chi	9:15am
2 Dec	Four2Eight	10:30am
3 Dec	Legion of Mary Meeting	1:30pm
3 Dec	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7:00pm
5 Dec	Sacramental Program 2019 parent meeting	8:30pm
6 Dec	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am
6 Dec	Parish Volunteer thank you BBQ	7:30pm



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

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
25th November 2019**

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 16th January 2019 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 December 9.30am
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 7:13-14
2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8
Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

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.

READINGS FOR Next Sunday
1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
2nd Reading: Thess 3:12-4:2
Gospel: Luke: 21:25-28, 34-36

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.
When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.
Your redemption is close at hand.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever.*

OPENING PRAYER: Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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 is king; he is robed in majesty.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

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 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/>.

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
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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, Maria Zentai,

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, Mary Muscat, Marlene Manganpat

Anniversaries: John Spiteri, Martha Joseph, Vincent Gomez, Gerry Leon, Don Slater, Roy Barney, Vincent Sesduero, Vivian Silva, Xavier Motha, Bill Falzon, Marcelo Capuyan Snr., Gabriel Singh`

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. Muscat Family, Reggies Dalgado, Gwen & Percy Burtles, Esperance D'Lima

A PRAYER FOR OPENING TO GOD

Lord, Jesus Christ, watch over those who are leaders in your Church. Keep them faithful to their vocation and to the proclamation of your message. Teach them to recognise and interpret the signs of the times. Strengthen them with the gifts of the Spirit and help them to serve their subjects, especially the poor and the lowly. Give them a vivid sense of your presence in the world and a knowledge of how to show is to others.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 1925.00
Loose \$ 889.00
TOTAL \$ 2814.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$3500.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CUPPA FOR OUR CARPARK

Donated to date \$ 18993.62 Balance \$56006.38

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.

FROM POPE FRANCIS

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God”

This Beatitude makes us think of the many endless situations of war in our world. Yet we ourselves are often a cause of conflict or at least of misunderstanding. For example, I may hear something about someone and I go off and repeat it. I may even embellish it the second time around and keep spreading it... And the more harm it does, the more satisfaction I seem to derive from it. The world of gossip, inhabited by negative and destructive people, does not bring peace. Such people are really the enemies of peace; in no way are they “blessed”.

Peacemakers truly “make” peace; they build peace and friendship in society. To those who sow peace Jesus makes this magnificent promise: “They will be called children of God” (Mt 5:9). He told his disciples that, wherever they went, they were to say: “Peace to this house!” (Lk 10:5). The word of God exhorts every believer to work for peace, “along with all who call upon the Lord with a pure heart”, for “the harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace” (Jas 3:18). And if there are times in our community when we question what ought to be done, “let us pursue what makes for peace” (Rom 14:19), for unity is preferable to conflict. It is not easy to “make” this evangelical peace, which excludes no one but embraces even those who are a bit odd, troublesome or difficult, demanding, different, beaten down by life or simply uninterested. It is hard work; it calls for great openness of mind and heart, since it is not about creating “a consensus on paper or a transient peace for a contented minority”, or a project “by a few for the few”. Nor can it attempt to ignore or disregard conflict; instead, it must “face conflict head on, resolve it and make it a link in the chain of a new process”. We need to be artisans of peace, for building peace is a craft that demands serenity, creativity, sensitivity and skill. Sowing peace all around us: that is holiness. **Pope Francis, apostolic** exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

In 1970, I left home at the age of twelve to follow my vocation of priesthood and my seminary was about more than one hundred kilometres away from the village. Due to the small frame I had back then, I was often picked on by bigger ones, particularly for the first few years in the institution.

For protection, I relied on the support of an older guy, two years ahead of me, who came from the same parish and was given lot of respect from other boys for his toughness. Though he was no angel in the seminary, he always behaved like a sheep at home due to his deep fear for his father. I remember the times when his father met me during our holidays, his standard question always was, ‘Tell me, how is he going in the seminary?’ Year in, year out my answer was always this standard, ‘He’s going well.’ Even though, deep down, I knew that he was not going well at all.

To cover up for my friend, I had to compromise the truth I knew, and never felt easy about that. My friend eventually left the seminary, got married, had two sons and passed away ten years ago. His father passed away a few years before that. I truly regret that I never had a chance to tell his father that I was not honest to him for so many years about his son.

I can’t help to recall this story as I read the Gospel for this feast of Christ, the King in advance, a feast with a relatively young history, since it was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI both to honour Christ’s sovereignty over all peoples and nations, and the whole universe, and to mark the end of a liturgical year.

The story sets up the scene, perhaps pretty much familiar to all of us, which is about how Jesus was brought before Pilate

by his accusers. Pilate was frank to ask him about whether he was the king of the Jews, the king with its ordinary sense. In response, Jesus first clarified with Pilate the spiritual dimension of his kingship, which posed no threat to any king on earth, before he said, ‘yes, I am a king.’ I am not too sure whether Pilate was able to grasp what Jesus meant to tell him here. However, I am confident to say it is not beyond us today.

Significantly he identified truth as the nature of his kingdom, since he came to bear witness to the truth, and has considered his followers as those who are on the side of the truth.

Let us pray today that we may be able to pay more attention to the call to bear witness to the truth as Jesus’ disciples in this passing world. May the Lord help us to remain authentic members of his kingdom, through our courage to say nothing but the truth, and defend it at all costs, even when it makes us unsettled or uncomfortable.

Have a Christo-centric week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

ADVENT PRAYER GROUP

All are invited to join Fr Henry for the Advent Prayer Group from 9.00 -9.30am on all Fridays during the Advent season starting from 7 December.

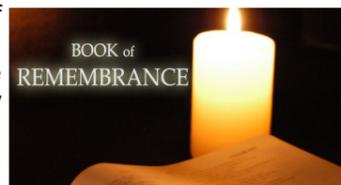
FR HENRY’S ANNUAL RETREAT

Due to annual retreat, Fr Henry will be away from the parish from Monday 26 to Friday 30, November, and Fr Ed will be available to help us with our weekday Masses.

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. Looking forward to seeing you there!

ST CECILIA MUSICIAN’S CELEBRATION

This weekend on **Sunday 25th November at the 9:30am Mass**, we are celebrating the **Feast of St Cecelia – Patron Saint of Musicians**. 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.

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.

OVER 50s OUTING

Public transport for the Over 50s outing Thursday 29th November. Please meet at Seven Hills Station for the 9.28am train to the city.

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.



PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 PARISH GROUP SHARING

The group met on Tuesday 13 November and delved into the Role of Women in the Church and the problems encountered by women that need to be addressed by the hierarchy. Then we looked at the message of Pope Francis telling us to rejoice in the spirituality of the Church and that it is great to be Catholic. This led us to explore in some detail how we learn to develop the personal relationship that God offers us through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Everybody added important input to the understanding of these three issues. We need more parishioners to come along to the next meeting on 11 December at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. **Every voice matters. Every person matters.**

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.

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@lol7hills.com.au