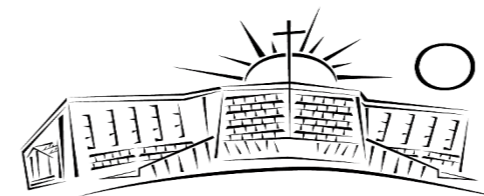


Acolytes, Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers, please remember to arrive ready 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

		January 19/20
Acolytes	Vigil 8am	Derick Soares Louis Fernandes Noel Emmanuel
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am	Christine Menezes, Crystal Menezes Lorraine Fernandes, Edith Gartner
	9.30am	Carole Brooks Barbara Chandler Jude Dias Artelle Lenthall Kamela Maka Dawn Manamperi
Readers	Vigil 8.00am	Stephanie Menezes, Marinela Simic Benno Motha, Kathy Walker
	9.30am	Mercy Aquino, Anna Lopeti
Altar Servers	Vigil	Alexander Bateman-Paul Noah Ebb Caitlyn Rambukwella Jayden Rambukwella Arynan Roy
	8.00am	Amelia Herczeg Joshua Herczeg Karuniya Maruthanayagam
	9.30am	Ethan Ballment Sarah Lenthall Jerard Sarmiento
Musicians	Vigil 8am	Deanne Fr Henry
Children's Rosary	9.30am	Folk Group
Flowers	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only Menezes 75 Grantham Road, Seven Hills Fennie and Angela
Bookshop	Vigil 8am	Marianne Christian Shelia
Morning Church Cleaning	9.30am	Erika Hien John O'Brien
Welcomers	Tea 23 Jan	Sue Abela, Felicity Gravina, Joyce Muscat
	6pm	Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEERS
	8am	Rita Paolini, VOLUNTEERS
	9.30am	Kathy Chamberlain, Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEER

		January 26/27
Acolytes	Vigil 8am	Abel Do Rosario Gerard Marcello Eugene Miu
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am	Lawrence Falzon, Charmain Jansz James Dinning, Winnie Marcello
	9.30am	Paul Gow, Artelle Lenthall
Readers	Vigil 8.00am	Jemma Sarmiento, Noreen Rosario Christine Woodward, Pepito Ferriols
	9.30am	VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER
Altar Servers	Vigil	Makayla Dalmati Jesseline Franco Jaylen Niang Riley Niang
	8.00am	Shaun Baptist, Aaron Rosario Isaac Rosario
	9.30am	Chrisha Gonzales Daniel Tenn Florencia Wanandy Gabrielle Wanandy
Musicians	Vigil 8am	Volunteer Volunteer
Children's Rosary	9.30am	Maria Balatbat
Flowers	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only Stambouliah 16 Oakwood Rd, Toongabbie Mary B & Priya
Bookshop	Vigil 8am	Greg Edith
Morning Tea	9.30am	Carole Couples for Christ
Church Cleaning	2 Feb	Judith Deloso, Adrian Walker
Welcomers	Vigil 8am	Mary Bonnici VOLUNTEERS Joyce Hillbrick Chandra Sampanthan VOLUNTEER
	9.30am	Helen Gonzales VOLUNTEERS

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Principal:	Ms Keiran Byrnes		

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 20 January 2019

WEEKEND MASS	Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 8am & 9.30am	HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK	1st Thursday of month at 8am. 7 February
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	20th March 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	YOUTH MASS	1st Sunday of the month 9.30am 3rd February
Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass	1st February 2019 7.00pm	A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses	

World Youth Day In-Sync: 27 January
The Diocese's World Youth Day 2019 will take place 15 January to 1 February 2019. The Diocese of Parramatta has 171 pilgrims attending. Please remember pray for the pilgrims Follow the pilgrim's progress online at parrawyd.org . Catholic Youth Parramatta and the St Patrick's Cathedral Community invite families, friends and supporters of the Panama pilgrims to WYD2019 IN-SYNC. Sunday 27 January, 6pm Mass followed by food, music and original video footage from pilgrims in Panama. 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. RSVP by 22 January, Fr Paul Roberts connect@ifm.org.au or 9296 6369.



PARISH DIARY

JANUARY		
20	Social Justice Group Meeting	12.30pm
26	Australia Day Mass	8.00am
28	Legion of Mary Meeting	1:30pm
FEBRUARY		
1	Exposition and Divine Mercy	7:00pm
3	Sacramental Program Enrolment Mass	9:30am
4	Legion of Mary	1:30pm
4	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7:00pm
6	Sacramental Program Meeting	6:30pm
7	Healing Mass	8:00am
8	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am

READINGS FOR This Sunday	1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5	As the Bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.
	2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11	One and the same Spirit distributes gifts as he chooses.
	Gospel: John 2:1-11	The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.
READINGS FOR Sunday 27/1/19	1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10	They read from the book of the Law and they understood what was read.
	2nd Reading 1 Cor 12:12-30	Together you are Christ's body, but each of you is a different part of it.
	Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21	The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

OPENING PRAYER: Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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: *Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.*

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.*

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
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Let us Pray for the Sick

Rose Stambouliah, Tony Stambouliah, Debra Price, Maria Zentai, Sue Tipaldo, Letitia Haines, Andrew Fedrigo, Gabriel Chung, Denis Symon

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: Victoria Almeida, Alejandro Alvarado, Simon D'Souza, Bridgette Fernandes, Mary Hartnett, Norma (Baby) Lorenzo, Roseline Ratnam. Evangeline Fernandez Garcia, Alexander Balatbat, Lourdes Fernandez de Venecia, Lazaro Fernandez, Gerard Skiffington



Anniversaries: M.A. Fernando, Anton Motha, Sylvia (Abbott) Walker, Gina and Albert Ammorao, John Azzopardi, Elizabeth Caruana, Edward Coffey, Marcel Diab, Thelma Morrissey, Louis and Stephen Mula, Felix and Andreanna Muscat, Fr Bill O'Connor, Alison Vella, Jose and Laureano Reyes, Dennis Clarke, John Bonello, Manuel Vella, Carmen Camillerie, Benjamin Gonzales Jnr, Deogracias Omisol

Remembrance: Roy, Mary and Des Barney, Arlene Capistani, Papa Mama Cyril, Harold, Rosine and Marc Lafleur, Sheema Landagan, Sharon and John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family, Albert Randall, Teodoro Garcia, Lourda Motha, Lakshman Perera,

PRAYER TO BRING CHRIST'S PEACE TO THE WORLD

God our Father, your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world and brought mankind the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death he endured. Teach us, the people who bear his name, to follow the example he gave us. May our faith, hope and charity turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, death to eternal life.

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FROM POPE FRANCIS

JOY AND A SENSE OF HUMOUR (Part 1)

Far from being timid, morose, acerbic or melancholy, or putting on a dreary face, the saints are joyful and full of good humour. Though completely realistic, they radiate a positive and hopeful spirit. The Christian life is "joy in the Holy Spirit" (Rom 14:17), for "the necessary result of the love of charity is joy; since every lover rejoices at being united to the beloved... the effect of charity is joy". Having received the beautiful gift of God's word, we embrace it "in much affliction, with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit" (1 Thess 1:6). If we allow the Lord to draw us out of our shell and change our lives, then we can do as Saint Paul tells us: "Rejoice in the Lord always; I say it again, rejoice!" (Phil 4:4). The prophets proclaimed the times of Jesus, in which we now live, as a revelation of joy. "Shout and sing for joy!" (Is 12:6). "Get you up to a high mountain, O herald of good tidings to Zion; lift up your voice with strength, O herald of good tidings to Jerusalem!" (Is 40:9). "Break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and he will have compassion on his afflicted" (Is 49:13). "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he" (Zech 9:9). Nor should we forget Nehemiah's exhortation: "Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!" (8:10). Mary, recognizing the newness that Jesus brought, sang: "My spirit rejoices" (Lk 1:47), and Jesus himself "rejoiced in the Holy Spirit" (Lk 10:21). As he passed by, "all the people rejoiced" (Lk 13:17). After his resurrection, wherever the disciples went, there was "much joy" (Acts 8:8). Jesus assures us: "You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy... I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" (Jn 16:20.22). "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full" (Jn 15:11). Hard times may come, when the cross casts its shadow, yet nothing can destroy the supernatural joy that "adapts and changes, but always endures, even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved".

Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

About 15 years ago, a dear old friend of mine from my time in the Refugee Camp got married in Melbourne and I was of course invited to go down South for his wedding, which turned out to be an unforgettable experience for me for a number of reasons: first, because it was celebrated according to Buddhist ceremonies, since the bride and the groom were both Buddhist and second, because I was made to go through so many drinking sessions before, during and after the wedding, sometimes together with the couple and sometimes with the groom and his mates only. I was very relieved to finally secure a seat on the plane to fly back to Sydney.

Obviously lot of alcohol was consumed at the wedding of my friend in Melbourne many years ago, however, that was nothing compared to the one that Jesus, Mary and the disciples attended at Cana. When they ran out of wine provided by the host's family, Jesus carried out his first miracle: according to John's writing, turning between 540 litres to 810 litres of water into wine through the intercession of his mother Mary. Mary's actions at this time were probably to honour the couple, to save



them from losing face with their guests for not providing enough wine for such a special occasion. Note that wine, in the biblical tradition is the symbol of joy, consequently running out of wine also means running out of joy and happiness.

More than just a miraculous sign, Jesus performed this miracle to reveal his divine power and identity as the Son of God. This miracle at Cana also illustrates how effective Mary's intercession could be in asking her son, Jesus, who would be ever inclined to listen to the pleas of his beloved mother on behalf of others. Consequently we, in times of need, are encouraged to look for help from Jesus through the intercession of his Mother, and we won't be disappointed as shown by the story.

Inspired by the Gospel this Sunday, let us ask the Lord for his grace both to strengthen our faith in him and to treasure Mary's intercessory power, so that we have no hesitation in asking for her intervention on our behalf.

Have a Mary-oriented week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

CAR PARK FUNDRAISING EVENT SAVE THE DATE! MAY 18, 2019



We will be having an Aloha Concert night which includes show and dinner for our Parish community, relatives & friends. This fundraiser also includes a raffle with 5 fabulous prizes. Tickets are now available in the foyer of the church every weekend after Mass.

As we still have a balance of approximately \$56,000 to pay for the car park as at January 2019, this will be a very important fundraising event.

Aside from raising much needed funds for our car park, this event will also be a great opportunity for our parish community to get together for a night of great entertainment. Please mark the date in your diary—we look forward to seeing you there.

This event would not be possible without the help of sponsors. Our parish would also like to sincerely say "Thank You" from the bottom of our hearts for their generosity as sponsors for the raffle ticket prizes.

MOJOS TAPAS BAR (32 Campbell Pde., Bondi Beach), MALAYALLE COMMUNITY OF SEVEN HILLS PARISH, ELLEN LAJARA- Memorial Consultant mob. 0433172649, SEVEN HILLS TONGAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, EVELYN UDAN BEED.

Also thank you AUSTRAL PRINTING CO. 0425 253 748 for printing the raffle tickets for free.

Legion of Mary Meeting for this Monday is cancelled for this week only.

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.

LOURDES OVER 50S

Next meeting 10.30am Thursday 14th February 2019 in the parish hall.

TAI CHI 2019: Classes will resume in February - start date and time will be confirmed next week.

ALTAR SERVER ROBES: 40 Altar server robes need to be washed and ironed. This weekend volunteers are needed to take one or more robes home and return them to the Church by the following weekend. The robes are located in the cupboards in the back sacristy where the servers get dressed. Your help in this annual washing is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP: Happy New Year All. Meeting this Sunday 20th January 12:30pm-3:30pm in the Parish meeting room. All welcome. Petition Update: Labor did agree to abandon temporary visas. Unfortunately the fast track process is being abandoned and allowing their right to argue their claim was narrowly defeated. They did agree to take up New Zealand's offer to take people from Manus and Naru. They also agreed to transport medical evacuation of refugees and their families.

Affordable Housing

Hear the facts and the response from politicians. Set aside the date or register Thursday 14 March 2019 from 6:30pm to 8:40pm, Sydney Town Hall, 483 George Street, Sydney NSW. Presented by Sydney Alliance, Vinnies NSW & Everybody's Home Campaign. Join us traveling by train contact Terry Jordan 0409373715. Registration at www.sydneyalliance.org.au

DIOCESAN NEWS...

INAUGURAL RED MASS:

The Diocese of Parramatta will celebrate an Inaugural Red Mass on Wednesday, 13 February 2019 at 7:30 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. All welcome. The Red Mass has a long tradition dating back to the 13th century. Refreshments will be served following the Red Mass. For more information please contact events@stpatricscathedral.com.au or by phone 8839 8411.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

This weekend will be run by the Capuchin Friars 15-17th FEBRUARY 2019

Come away for a few days of quiet to reflect upon the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This weekend retreat is for men aged 18-35. Begins 7:30pm Friday and concludes 4pm Sunday at the Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. There will be Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available and quiet time. Come and reflect on God's will in your life, and these amazing ways of making a gift of self for the glory of God and in service of His Kingdom. The cost is only \$50. Registrations required by 7th February: contact Father Thomas vocations@capuchinfrs.org.au or 0432 362 052. https://www.capuchin.org.au

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2019

If you would like to join our Liturgical Ministry, the Institute for Mission will be providing sessions on the following: Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying, Altar Servers and Acolytes and Safe Ministry. There are two compulsory Evenings for Understanding Liturgical Ministries which will be held 18th and 21st Feb. All Meetings are held on Monday and Thursday evenings 7-9pm. Dates are listed on the application form. For those who wish to become Acolytes, before you register your interest in any of these courses please talk to Fr Henry and complete an application form that can be found at the rear of the church.