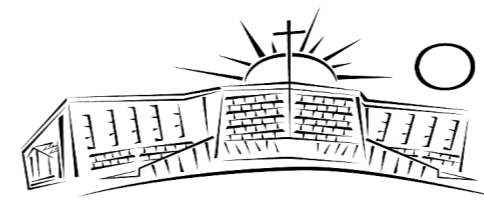


Acolytes, Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers, please remember to arrive ready 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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

		February 2/3
Acolytes	Vigil 8am	Derek Soares
	9.30am	Ernie Gartner
		Noel Emmanuel
Ministers	Vigil	Cathy Hutchings, Christine Menezes, Crystal Menezes, Stefanie Menezes, Rosey Soares, Vinnie Zahra
	8.00am	Anne McNally, Jim Said
	9.30am	Ryan Epondulan, Suzy Nemorin
Readers	Vigil	Perpetual Fernandes, Alison Punch
	8.00am	Bob McNally, Kathy Walker
	9.30am	Ian Epondulan, Erika Hien
Altar Servers	Vigil	Yxaak Dino, Genevieve Estil
		Madisen Estil
	8.00am	Jayden Cortis
		Matthew Said
		Rebecca Said
	9.30am	Sofia Culili
		Eric Da
		Victor Da
		Mary-Rose Mejalli
		Jerard Sarmiento
Musicians	Vigil 8am	Youth for Christ
	9.30am	Grace Notes
		Christine Clarke
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only
		Hui Hui
		69 Seven Hills Road, Seven Hills
Flowers		Fenty & Sanith
Bookshop	Vigil 8am	Vinnie
	9.30am	Erika
		Edmund
Morning Tea	9.30am	Tongan Choir
Church Cleaning	6 Feb	Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spitieri, Vinnie Zahra, Suzy Nemorin
Welcomers	Vigil 8am	Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEERS
		Olivia Cortis, Chandra Sampathan, VOLUNTEER
	9.30am	VOLUNTEERS

Parish Priest:	Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran	Pastoral Care of the Sick and Elderly:	Mrs Bathista Emmanuel
Parish Secretary:	Mrs Erika Hien	Office Hours:	
Co-Ordinator:	Mrs Judy Barden	Monday-Friday:	9am - 3.00pm
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Parish Website:	www.olol7hills.org.au	Youth Group Email:	youtholol7h@gmail.com
Parish School:	Our Lady of Lourdes	Public School Catechist Co-Ordinator:	Mr Bob McNally
Principal:	Ms Keiran Byrnes		

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 27th 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	8.30am-3pm	BAPTISMAL PREPARATION	20th March 2019 7.30pm Baptisms 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am
Monday-Friday	(for prayer and reflection)	YOUTH MASS	1st Sunday of the month 9.30am 3rd February
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes	Friday after 8am Mass until 9am	A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses	
Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass	1st February 2019 7.00pm		

READINGS This Sunday	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..
READINGS Sunday 3/2/19	1st Reading: Jeramiah 1:4-5, 17-19	I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.
	2nd Reading 1 Cor 12:31-13:13	There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.
	Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21	The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honour in his holy place.

OPENING PRAYER: Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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: *Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners, Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*

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@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432 362 052.

Position Vacant: Parish Office Manager (Part-Time)
Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes
More details at: www.olqp.org.au

PARISH DIARY		
JANUARY		
28	Legion of Mary Meeting	1:30pm
31	Christ Community Prayer Group (church)	9.00am
FEBRUARY		
1	Exposition and Divine Mercy	7:00pm
3	Sacramental Program Enrolment Mass	9:30am
3	Social Justice Group-Parish Partnership	2:30pm
4	Legion of Mary	1:30pm
4	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7:00pm
6	Tai Chi	10:30am
6	Sacramental Program Meeting	6:30pm
7	Healing Mass	8:00am
7	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am
9	Sacramental Program meeting	4.30pm

New Parishioners	Sick or Housebound	Please place on the collection plate 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, Gwyneth McNally, Michael Bartolo, Joseph Tanti

Remembrance: Roy, Mary and Des Barney, Raul & Carmelo Bujuger, 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 2)

Christian joy is usually accompanied by a sense of humour. We see this clearly, for example, in Saint Thomas More, Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Philip Neri. Ill humour is no sign of holiness. "Remove vexation from your mind" (Eccl 11:10). We receive so much from the Lord "for our enjoyment" (1 Tim 6:17), that sadness can be a sign of ingratitude. We can get so caught up in ourselves that we are unable to recognize God's gifts.

With the love of a father, God tells us: "My son, treat yourself well... Do not deprive yourself of a happy day" (Sir 14:11.14). He wants us to be positive, grateful and uncomplicated: "In the day of prosperity, be joyful... God created human beings straightforward, but they have devised many schemes" (Eccl 7:14.29). Whatever the case, we should remain resilient and imitate Saint Paul: "I have learned to be content with what I have" (Phil 4:11). Saint Francis of Assisi lived by this; he could be overwhelmed with gratitude before a piece of hard bread, or joyfully praise God simply for the breeze that caressed his face.

This is not the joy held out by today's individualistic and consumerist culture. Consumerism only bloats the heart. It can offer occasional and passing pleasures, but not joy. Here I am speaking of a joy lived in communion, which shares and is shared, since "there is more happiness in giving than in receiving" (Acts 20:35) and "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7). Fraternal love increases our capacity for joy, since it makes us capable of rejoicing in the good of others: "Rejoice with those who rejoice" (Rom 12:15). "We rejoice when we are weak and you are strong" (2 Cor 13:9). On the other hand, when we "focus primarily on our own needs, we condemn ourselves to a joyless existence". **Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE**



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

When I started my formation program as a twelve-year old boy, my uncle said to me, 'I'll give you a calf for your thanksgiving Mass.' He made such a promise because that was considered as the standard for any decent celebration in the village and it was a rather generous gift to his nephew.



Due to circumstances, I had no chance to return home for the Thanksgiving Mass after my ordination like other newly ordained in the parish and my uncle has still owned me a calf for many years. I guess by now the original calf could generate enough calves for a small farm back home. We always had a good laugh when we recalled the story.

The Gospel this Sunday obviously provides us an account of Jesus' trip returning home which took place when Jesus had become quite a phenomenon in the country both as a miracle worker and a great teacher.

No doubt the highlight of the occasion is his participation in a prayer session at the synagogue in his home town. Note that synagogue services traditionally required the presence of at least ten adult Jewish males. It involved a talk or homily given by a prominent citizen or a rabbi trained in the Jewish law or Sacred Scripture which usually followed the prayers and the Scriptural reading, very similar to our Eucharistic liturgy.

Obviously Jesus was given the honour both to read and preach at this time. He then used the opportunity not just to fulfil his duty, but also to deliver his mission statement based on the teaching of Isaiah (cf. Isa 61.1), which very much focused on the social justice mission to assist the poor, the captives, the sick and the downtrodden; a mission that Pope Francis has encouraged our entire



Church to commit to today.

Let us heed Jesus' call to work for social justice in the Gospel today, and pray that each of us may be prepared to follow his step to help alleviate the burden of the less fortunate brothers and sisters of ours.

Have a Gospel-guided week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

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 hall.

YAG NEWS

February Gathering

The Young Adult's Group kicked off 2019 with 'Renewing Our Spirit'. Come along to our next gathering on **February 8th (Friday)** where we will invest in God's riches for the year ahead. Meet at the Parish Meeting Room at 7pm for food, friendly discussion and formation. Bring a friend too! See you there!

Plenary Council 2020 Responses from YAG: During Young Adult's last gathering, each person was challenged to answer the question of "What is God asking of us in Australia, at this time?" Please feel free to read and reflect on the various responses written by our Young Adults, which can be found, at the back of the Church.

LEGION of MARY MEETING: 1.30pm Monday 28th January 2019 in the Parish Meeting Room,

TAI CHI AND HEALTH QIGONG FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING:

Tai Chi & Qigong exercises will resume on **Wednesday 6 February 2019 at 10:30 am in the Parish Meeting Room** (note the change of day from Fridays). These activities are suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels. With slow, graceful, and gentle movements, Tai Chi & Qigong can help achieve a good posture, strength, body balance and co-ordination as well as establishing a healthy lifestyle. The instructor is Cyril Loa who is an exercise professional in Tai Chi and Fitness. He can be contacted either on 0432 639 053 or via email Cyril.loa@gmail.com. Cost:\$10

ALTAR SERVER ROBES: Thank you for all who assisted with the washing of the Altar Server Robes. It was greatly appreciated.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019

Next weekend at the 9:30am Mass, we will welcome the children from our parish who wish to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion this year. Please keep the children and their families during this time of preparation. If your child is in year 3 or older and would like to be part of the Sacramental Program this year, **please contact Judy in the parish office on 96222920 or email judyb@olol7hills.com.au this week as no new enrolments can be accepted after next week.**

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP: Our Parish is part of a Pilot Program **Parish Partnership** with an asylum seeker family. See Church doors for more information. If you would like to be involved contact Terry Jordan 0409 373 715.

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.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH FEAST DAY

We will celebrate our Parish Feast Day this year on **Sunday 10th February**. If you would like to assist in the organisation and running of the usual activities after the 9:30am Mass on the day, please contact the parish office this week on 96222920 or email secretary@olol7hills.org.au

POSITION VACANT – GROUNDSMAN / HANDYMAN

NAGLE COLLEGE, SOUTH BLACKTOWN

We are looking for a person to work 3 days per week, hours 7.30-3.30pm Position involves school grounds maintenance including garden beds, pathways, general outdoor cleanliness, as well as able to carry out minor repair works as and when required. The successful applicant must have a full licence and able to drive a people mover vehicle. A working with children checks and medical will have to be completed before commencement. If interested, please email Mary Fairhurst - mfairhurst@parra.catholic.edu.au for full job description or contact me on 041208273. Applications close 11th February 2019.

DIOCESAN NEWS...

Ordination to the Diaconate

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Roque Dias, John Cinya, Thong Nguyen and Roderick Pirota on Friday 22 February at 7.00pm. The ordination will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Refreshments to follow.

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. It is a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit offered to invoke wisdom and guidance during the coming term of a school, legislative, or judicial year. Refreshments will be served following the Red Mass. For more information please contact events@stpatscathedral.com.au