

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

		March 2/3	
Acolytes	Vigil 8am	Ernie Gartner	
	9.30am	Terry Jordan	
		Ian Epondulan	
Ministers	Vigil	Mariane Descombes, Louise La Guidara, Christine Menezes, Crystal Menezes, Mariela Simic	
	8.00am	Lawrence Falzon, Suzy Nemorin	
	9.30am	Noel Emmanuel, Artelle Lenthall	
Readers	Vigil	Perpetual Fernandes, David Christian	
	8.00am	Priya Joachim, VOLUNTEER	
	9.30am	Student readers	
Altar Servers	Vigil	Alex La Guidara, Riley Sultana, Ruby Sultana	
	8.00am	Jayden Cortis, Karuniya Maruthanayagam, Matthew Shawcross	
	9.30am	Eric Da, Victor Da, Carl Gallema, Marc Gallema, Samuel Thoms	
Musicians	Vigil 8am	Youth for Christ	
	9.30am	Grace Notes	
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	Christine Clarke	
		2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only	
Flowers		Milicevic	
		10 Grantham Road, Seven Hills	
Bookshop	Vigil 8am	Fenty & Mimi	
	9.30am	Vinnie	
Morning Tea	9.30am	VOLUNTEER	
Church Cleaning	6 March	Edmund	
Welcomers	Vigil 8am	Florida Datuin	
	9.30am	Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spitieri, Vinnie Zahra, Suzy Nemorin	
		Judith Deloso, VOLUNTEERS	
		Olivia Cortis, Rita Paolini, VOLUNTEER	
		9.30am Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS	

		March 9/10	
Acolytes	Vigil 8am	Abel Do Rosario	
	9.30am	VOLUNTEER	
		Ramzee Michael	
Ministers	Vigil	James Dinning, Charmaine Jansz	
	8.00am	Lorrain Fernandes, Louis Fernandes, Edith Gartner, Winnie Marchello, Anne McNally, Andrew Millar	
	9.30am	Maria Michael	
Readers	Vigil	Noreen Rosario, Laura Bellissimo	
	8.00am	Bob McNally, Karen Eleazar	
	9.30am	Jeanine Nonato, Megan Michael	
Altar Servers	Vigil	Benjamin Clark, Noah Ebb, Christian Milicevic, Thomas Osbourne, Aryn Roy	
	8.00am	Amelia Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg, Lewis Savic	
	9.30am	Larissa Leary, Rynan Michael, Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park	
Musicians	Vigil 8am	Magnificat	
	9.30am	Lolesio Choir	
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	Couples for Christ	
		2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only	
Flowers		Menezes	
		39 Winnipeg Street, Seven Hills	
Bookshop	Vigil 8am	Lucinda & Orlando	
	9.30am	Marinela	
Morning Tea	9.30am	Edith	
Church Cleaning	14 March	Fenty Saputra	
Welcomers	Vigil 8am	Malayalee Community	
	9.30am	Elodia Colussi, Elizabeth Mead	
		Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEERS	
		Annette Peatman, Chandra Sampanthan, VOLUNTEER	
		9.30am VOLUNTEERS	



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

Parish Priest: Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran

Pastoral Care of the Sick

and Elderly: Mrs Bathista Emmanuel

Parish Secretary: Mrs Erika Hien

Office Hours:

Sacrament

Monday-Friday: 9am - 3.00pm

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Principal: Ms Keiran Byrnes

Public School Catechist Co-Ordinator: Mr Bob McNally

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 3rd March 2019

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

HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK
1st Thursday of month at 8am. **7 March**

WEEKDAY MASS Tues - Friday 8am

RECONCILIATION Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MARRIAGES Please contact Parish Office
6 months prior to the wedding

SERVICE Monday & Saturday 8am

Church Open 8.30am-3pm
Monday-Friday (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 March

Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass
5th April 2019 7.00pm

A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

READINGS 1st Reading: Sirach 27:4-7
This Sunday 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58
Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.
Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.
A person speaks from what is in his heart

READINGS 1st Reading: Deut 26:4-10
Sunday 2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13
10/3/19 Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

The confession of faith of the elect
The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.*

OPENING PRAYER: Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. 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: *Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.*

PARISH DIARY		
MARCH		
3	Youth mass	9.30am
4	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7:00pm
6	Ash Wednesday Mass	8am, 9.15am, 7.30pm
7	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
7	Healing mass	8.00am
8	Stations of the Cross	7.30pm

Francis: a voice crying out
BECOMING A HUMBLE, LISTENING AND LEARNING CHURCH

You are warmly invited to a public conversation between papal biographer & UK Catholic Journalist Dr Austen Ivereigh and Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv.

A contribution to our Church's Australian Plenary 2020 process and to our local reflection on priorities here in the Diocese of Parramatta.

Wednesday 20 March at 7.00pm
St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta
RSVP by 13 March to Br Mark O'Connor: mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org

JOIN US TO DISCOVER MORE

SYDNEY INFORMATION SESSION THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST 5.30 - 7PM

AQUINAS ACADEMY
141 HARRINGTON STREET
SYDNEY

OR APPLY FOR A POSTING TODAY: PALMS.ORG.AU

Palms Australia | palms.org.au | 02 9560 5333
464 Parramatta Road, Petersham, NSW

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
_____	_____	_____
Name	Name	Name
_____	_____	_____
Telephone	Telephone	Telephone
Please place on the collection plate		



Let us Pray for the Sick

David Barrow, Gabriel Chung, Andrew Fedrigo, Letitia Haines, Gordon McLandsborough, Debra Price, Narelle Schoenfeld, Rose Stambouliah, Tony Stambouliah, Denis Symon, Sue Tiplado.

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: Tony Andrews, Alexander Balatbat. Teofilo Datuin, Norma Ann Howard, Maria

Kingson, Norma (Baby) Lorenzo, Fr Colm Rafferty (Ireland), Roseline Ratnam, Gerard Skiffington, Bryan John Wilson, Maria Zentai. Michael Perak, Yvonne Alam

Anniversaries: Rosie & David Alfonso, Andre & Caroline Almeida, Christine, Brendon & Michael Almeida, Avelina Arambulo, Michael Bartalo, Brian Brooks, Henry Browne, Rosario Cabasa, Sinfarosa Dias, Anna Barbara DiCioccio, Maria Palmira Do Rosario, Fr Leo Donnelly, Monica, Dominic, Conception DSouza, Nevis Fernando, Christine Gomez, Arthur Hillbrick, Sharon Lawrence, Rosa Mancina, William & Emilia Mifsud, Prudencio Monses, Anton Motha, Felix & Andreanna Muscat, Deogracias Omisol, Vincenzo & Ersilia Paolini, Nina Paolini, Bernabe Quinto, John Ratnam, Rosary Silva, Santan & Pauline Soares, Dominic & Araminta Soares, Joseph, John & Helen Tanti.

Remembrance: Roy, Mary and Des Barney, Paula & Carmelo Bujuger, Paul, Simone & Cyril, Leon & Mireille D'emmerz, Sheema Landagan, Sharon and John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Louis & Stephen Mula, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family, Lakshman Perera, Albert Randall, Jo Shep & Maria, Paul & Maryanne Vella,

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION TO MARY

O my Queen and Mother, I give myself entirely to you. To show my devotion to you I consecrate to you this day my eyes, ears, mouth, heart, and whole being without reserve. Therefore, good Mother, since I am your own, keep me and guard me as your property and possession. Amen.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 1670.00
Loose \$ 861.65
TOTAL \$ 2531.65
WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated. -

CUPPA FOR OUR CARPARK

Donated to date \$ 19088.62 Balance \$55911.38

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
Envelopes available at rear of church

YOUTH CORNER

FOUR2EIGHT IS BACK!

Four2Eight will be back on **this Sunday 3rd March after the 9:30am Mass.** Come along to the parish meeting room after the Mass to join in the fun.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The Lourdes Young Adults Group will meet again **Friday 8th March.** Our theme for the evening is "Rise and Conquer - The season of Lent and Resisting Temptation". See you there!

FROM POPE FRANCIS

IN COMMUNITY (part 2)

Let us not forget that Jesus asked his disciples to pay attention to details. The little detail that wine was running out at a party. The little detail that one sheep was missing. The little detail of noticing the widow who offered her two small coins. The little detail of having spare oil for the lamps, should the bridegroom delay. The little detail of asking the disciples how many loaves of bread they had. The little detail of having a fire burning and a fish cooking as he waited for the disciples at daybreak.

*A community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelizing environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan. There are times when, by a gift of the Lord's love, we are granted, amid these little details, consoling experiences of God. "One winter night I was carrying out my little duty as usual... Suddenly, I heard off in the distance the harmonious sound of a musical instrument. I then pictured a well-lighted drawing room, brilliantly gilded, filled with elegantly dressed young ladies conversing together and conferring upon each other all sorts of compliments and other worldly remarks. Then my glance fell upon the poor invalid whom I was supporting. Instead of the beautiful strains of music I heard only her occasional complaints... I cannot express in words what happened in my soul; what I know is that the Lord illumined it with rays of truth which so surpassed the dark brilliance of earthly feasts that I could not believe my happiness". Contrary to the growing consumerist individualism that tends to isolate us in a quest for well-being apart from others, our path to holiness can only make us identify all the more with Jesus' prayer "that all may be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you" (Jn 17:21). **Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE***



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

I have been a fan of the Grand Designs programs, and always enjoyed watching TV shows about building constructions both local and worldwide. I am particularly fond of log houses, and always admire the skills of those builders, who are capable of putting a large number of big logs together and turning them into beautiful dwellings.



In Jesus time, log houses perhaps were quite common, since no sawmills were available then, and people used a rather primitive procedure to turn logs into planks of wood for construction.

After securing a log across the tops of two stepladder-like braces, one builder climbed on top of the log, and the other stood beneath it. Each man then grasped one end of a long saw, pushing and pulling as they cut the log lengthwise. I still saw builders in my village cutting the logs this way when I was young. It was a long, tedious, and pains-taking process. However, if the man under the log looked up while he was working, sawdust could fall into his eyes, and he was unable to keep on working. The man standing on the top could see nothing below, since his own vision was obscured by the log. This situation is probably what Jesus was talking about when he made a comment that the man needs to take the plank out of his eye before he can help remove the speck out of his brother's. Of course, he also includes with it a symbolic message.

From a symbolic perspective, the speck of sawdust symbolises small faults or insignificant mistakes, and the plank represents serious problems. Sometimes people fail to see their own problems, and prefer to make a big deal about small faults of others. This is unfair, unhealthy and hypocritical, and

Jesus warns us, his disciples to stay away from such a destructive attitude. Instead, we would be better off looking hard at ourselves and try to improve ourselves, so that our lives can bear the fruit of goodness and integrity. Let us pray firstly for the courage to embrace Jesus' message about self-criticism in the Gospel today, and also for the grace to help us grow in his love and bear fruits of good works for him.

Have a productive week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

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. Register at <https://www.sydneyalliance.org.au/housing> use Diocese of Parramatta as organisation or phone 88383458

ASH WEDNESDAY - THE BEGINNING OF LENT

The season of **Lent** commences **this week on Wednesday 6th March** with the celebration of **Ash Wednesday. Mass times for Ash Wednesday: 8am, 9:15am (school Mass) and 7:30pm.** Ash Wednesday is a special day of fasting and prayer as we commence our preparation for Easter. We also have a number of additional opportunities to gather for prayer during the season of Lent to help prepare for Easter.

Please add the following dates to your diary:

Fri 8th March	Stations of the Cross	7:30pm
Fri 15th March	Evening Prayer and Benediction	7:30pm
Sat 16th March	Parish Retreat	9am - 3pm
Fri 22nd March	Stations of the Cross	7:30pm
Fri 29th March	Evening Prayer and Benediction	7:30pm
Fri 5th April	Stations of the Cross	7:30pm
Fri 12th April	Evening Prayer and Benediction	7:30pm
Tue 16th April	Parish 2nd Rite of Reconciliation	7:30pm
Thur 18th April	HOLY THURSDAY MASS	7:30pm
Fri 19th April	GOOD FRIDAY	
	Stations of the Cross	10am
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3pm
Sat 20th April	EASTER VIGIL MASS	6pm
Sun 21st April	EASTER SUNDAY MASS	8am, 9:30am

In addition to these, Fr Henry will also be having a series of evenings during Lent with a focus on "**The Second Vatican Council with Massimo Faggioli**". In order to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Pope Saint XXIII's decision to call the Council this year, 25th January, 2019, we are going to have a series of meetings **every Tuesday evening during Lent from 7.00pm – 8.30pm in our Parish Meeting room.**

Participants will have a chance to watch lectures and talks given by Dr. Massimo Faggioli, a Church historian, Vatican II Council scholar professor of Theology and Religious Studies at Villanova University on Youtube about the Council and Pope Francis followed by discussions. Everyone is welcomed to come along.

PARISH RETREAT

Our annual parish retreat this year will be presented by Fr John Sullivan and will be held on Saturday 16th March from 9am (for a 9:30am start) to 3pm in the parish hall. Lunch will be provided on the day. For catering purposes, please RSVP by writing your name and details on the clip board at the back of the church.

PARISHIONER INPUT TO PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Thank you to all for your active participation in the Plenary Council 2020. Your responses have been through an ongoing process to assist our Parish Pastoral planning and soon will be forwarded to the Organising Committee.

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. Please also consider taking a book of raffle tickets home to sell to family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues. **Money for ticket sales doesn't need to be paid upfront when you collect a book, but rather can be returned with the sold tickets.** 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.

It is not necessary for you to purchase the raffle tickets yourself but rather sell the tickets to family, friends, work colleagues etc. If every family in the parish took and sold 2-3 books of tickets (only 10 tickets in each book), we would be able to raise almost half the outstanding amount for our car park. If you haven't taken a book of tickets to sell as yet, please consider assisting us in this very important fundraising event.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING: 7.00pm Monday 4th March in the Parish Meeting Room.

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DIOCESAN NEWS...

Scholarship at the Cathedral: Are we living in a Christian country? Where is the Church situated in the mind of modern Australia? Is 'Christian' really an appropriate description for our culture?

Please join us as Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP delivers his lecture "The Godless Country? Part II, Christian Australia" at 6:30pm, Thursday 7 March 2019 in the Chapter Hall of St Mary's Cathedral. Refreshments will be provided. Scholarship at the Cathedral is an initiative of the Sydney Archdiocese in partnership with the Institute for Ethics and Society at the University of Notre Dame Australia. Please register your attendance at: <https://www.satcathedral.org/>

Nagle College Blacktown will be holding their Open Evening for Year 7, 2020 on Tuesday 19 March 2019 from 4.00 pm to 7.30 pm. Enrolment packages will be available on the evening and tours of the College will be conducted. Prospective parents and students are warmly invited to attend.

IFM Reflective Ministry Program

Are you serving in and through Catholic communities? The Reflective Ministry program offered by the Institute for Mission is a great opportunity to learn and explore ideas of pastoral theology to benefit you and those you serve - and it's now open for registration. Visit www.ifm.org.au/reflectiveministry for more information and to register online or call 02 9296 6369 to talk to our friendly team.