

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."*

## 2nd Sunday of Easter 28th April 2019

**27/28 April**

**Acolytes** Vigil 8am **John Jordan**  
9.30am **Louis Fernandes**  
**David Christian**

**Ministers** Vigil 8.00am **Charmaine Jansz, Christine Menezes**  
9.30am **Edith Gartner, Lorraine Fernandes**  
**Nancy Shami, Mariane Descombes**

**Readers** Vigil 8.00am **Stefanie Menezes, Crystal Menezes**  
9.30am **Pepito Ferriols, Priya Joachim**  
**Volunteers**

**Altar Servers** Vigil 8.00am **Erika Naing, Riley Naing, Jaylen Naing, Makayla Dalmati, Caron Cyril**  
9.30am **Isabella Dela Cruz, Volunteers**  
**Daniel Tenn, Riley Sultana, Ruby Sultana, Jayda-Leigh Neish, Ethan Neish**

**Musicians** Vigil 8am **Perry's Angels**  
9.30am **Perry's Angels**  
**Maria Balatbat**

**Children's Rosary** Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only  
**Falzon Family**  
**2 Wallpark Ave, Seven Hills**

**Flowers** 28th April **Mary B, Annette & Priya**

**Bookshop** Vigil 8am **Marinela**  
9.30am **Sheila**  
**Volunteer**

**Morning Tea** 9.30am **Couples for Christ**

**Church Cleaning** 1 May **Carole, Lourdes, Vinnie, Suzie**

**Welcomers** Vigil 8am **Judith Deloso, Mary Bonnici, Mary Jordan**  
9.30am **Joyce Hillbrick, Chandra Sampanthan**  
**Volunteers**

**4/5 May**

**Acolytes** Vigil 8am **Ernie Gartner**  
9.30am **Terry Jordan**  
**Ramzee Michael**

**Ministers** Vigil 8.00am **James Dinning, Cathy Hutchings, Derek Soares, Rosey Soares, Vinnie Zahra**  
9.30am **Fennie Balatbat, Suzy Nemorin**  
**Paul Gow, Maria Michael**

**Readers** Vigil 8.00am **Alison Punch, Karen Eleazar**  
9.30am **Kathy Walker, Andrew Millar**  
**Kamela Huihui, Megan Michael**

**Altar Servers** Vigil 8.00am **Alexander Bateman-Paul, Yxaak Dino, Samuel Thoms**  
9.30am **Jayden Cortis, Karuniya Maruthanayagam**  
**Alexa Bagatella, Sofia Culili, Larissa Leary, Sarah Lenthall, Rynan Michael**

**Musicians** Vigil 8am **Youth for Christ**  
9.30am **Grace Notes**  
**Christine Clarke**

**Children's Rosary** Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only  
**Milicevic Family**  
**10 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills**

**Flowers** 5th May **Fenty & Mimi**

**Bookshop** Vigil 8am **Vinnie**  
9.30am **VOLUNTEER**  
**Edmund**

**Morning Tea** 9.30am **Florida Datuin**

**Church Cleaning** 9 May **Elodia Colussi & Elizabeth Mead**

**Welcomers** Vigil 8am **Sam Ugre, VOLUNTEERS**  
9.30am **Chandra Sampanthan, VOLUNTEERS**  
**Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran  
**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Erika Hien  
**Sacrament Co-Ordinator:** Mrs Judy Barden  
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**Parish Website:** www.olol7hills.org.au  
**Parish School:** Our Lady of Lourdes  
**Principal:** Ms Keiran Byrnes

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

**WEEKDAY MASS** Tues - Friday 8am

**PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE** Monday & Saturday 8am

**Church Open** 8.30am-3pm  
**Monday-Friday** (for prayer and reflection)

**Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass**  
3rd May **7.00pm**

**READINGS This Sunday**  
1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16  
2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19  
Gospel: John 20:19-31

**READINGS Sunday 5/5/2019**  
1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32,40-41  
2nd Reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14  
Gospel: John 21:1-19

**HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK**  
1st Thursday of month at 8am. **2 May 2019**

**RECONCILIATION** Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION** 15th May 2019 **7.30pm**

**YOUTH MASS** 1st Sunday of the month 9.30am.  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Every Friday after 8am Mass until 9am

**A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses**

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.  
I am dead and now I am to live forever.  
After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.  
The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.  
Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and then did the same with the fish.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.*

**OPENING PRAYER:** God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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.

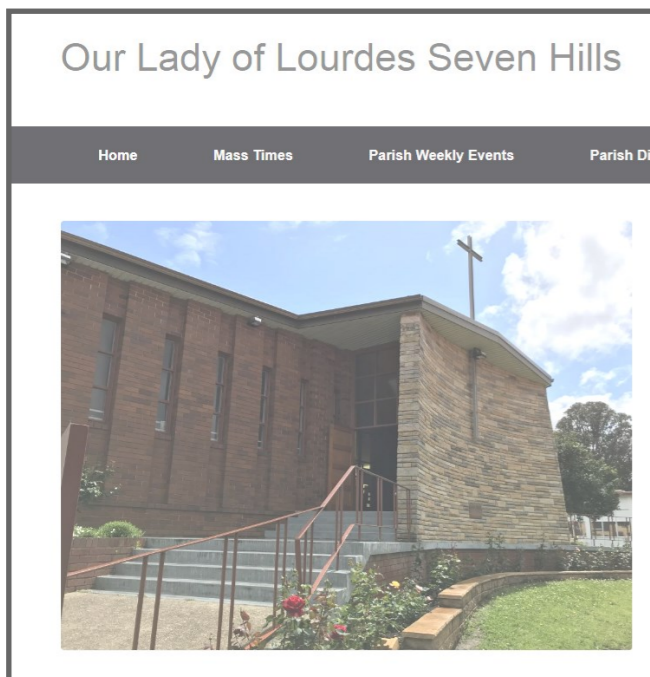
**RESPONSE TO PSALM:** *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving, but believing, alleluia.*

### HAVE YOU VISITED OUR PARISH WEBSITE LATELY??

Our parish website is updated regularly with news and upcoming events - everything from youth news to social justice to Mass times, bulletins, hall hire information and much more - a great way to stay up to date with what's on in our parish! Visit [www.olol7hills.org.au](http://www.olol7hills.org.au)



PARISH DIARY		
<b>APRIL</b>		
28	Confirmation Enrolment Mass	9:30am
29	St Vincent de Paul meeting	7:00pm
<b>MAY</b>		
1	Sacrament of Confirmation Meeting 1	6:30pm
1	Music Liturgy Meeting	7:30pm
2	Healing Mass	8:00am
2	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am
3	Exposition and Divine Mercy	7:00pm
4	Sacrament of Confirmation Meeting 1	4:30pm
6	Legion of Mary Meeting	1:30pm
8	Sacrament of Confirmation Meeting 2	6:30pm
8	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7:30pm
9	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am
9	Over 50's Meeting	10:30am

### ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH? WELCOME!

If you would like to register with our parish or receive a visit from Fr Henry or a parishioner, please give your name and contact number to Fr Henry after Mass or contact the parish office on 9622 2920 or email [secretary@olol7hills.org.au](mailto:secretary@olol7hills.org.au). We look forward to hearing from you!





### Let us Pray for the Sick

David Barrow, John Bourke, Gabriel Chung, Frances De Silva, Mignonne De Zilva, Andrew Fedrigo, Letitia Haines, Shane Lawrence, Gordon McLandsborough, Patricia Oreo, Debra Price, Narelle Schoenfeld, Rose Stambouliah, Tony Stambouliah, Denis Symon, Sue Tivaldo. Paul, Christopher, Daniel.

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. We can also arrange for Holy Communion or a visit if required.

### Let us Pray for the Deceased

**Recently Deceased:** Laure Alegada, Tony Andrews, France Angseesing, Joao Francisco Fernandes Calisto, Jerry Cato, Catherine Chandra, Leah Fernandes, Patrick John Fischer, Phyllis Herbert, Marian Kalinski, Auk Kyung Monica Kim, Maria Kingson, Marianito Lopez, Frank Morrissey, Remegio Palmos, Michael Perak, Roseline Ratnam, Kay Rego, Maria Zentai.

**Anniversaries:** Adoracion Davis, Vaya Anthony, Emanuel Apap, Fortunata Baiada, Rosario Cabasa, Simeon and Valentina Carlos, Theresa & Gerald Chetcuti, Cini and Mangion Families, Dominic, Conception, Monica D'Souza, Georges Stello Descombes, Georgina Falzon, Zoltan Gartner, Tarcisio 'Archie' Gatt, Margarita Gayoso, Josephine Gomez, S M John, Leonie Jordan, Victor Lo Martire, Tomasa and Nicanor Magpayo, Joan Morgan, Irene and Albert Moroney, Tom Morrissey, Anton Motha, John O'Sullivan, Lakshman Perera, John Ratnam, Pat Renshaw, Jose Reyes, Shirley Sexton, Mary Silva, Santan & Pauline Soares, Peter Smith, Arsenio Udan, Nora Zarb.

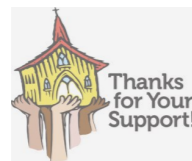
**Remembrance:** Roy, Mary and Des Barney, Michael Angelo Bartolo, Paul, Simone & Cyril, Nasario Enfesta, Falzon family, Felicisimo Family, Gabilo Family, Harold, Rosine and Mark Lafleur, Sharon and John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Louis and Stephen Mula, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family, Carmelo Portelli, Rev Fr Ambrose Ryan, Joseph Saliba, Jo Shep & Maria, Amalia and Dominga Usman.

### ACT OF LOVE

Jesus, my God, I love you with my whole heart and above all things, because you are the supreme Good and an infinitely perfect Being. You have given your life to me, a poor sinner, and in your mercy you have even offered yourself as food for my soul. My God, I love you. In flame my heart so that I may love you more.

### MONEY MATTERS

**Envelopes** \$ 1634.00  
**Loose** \$ 1449.00  
**TOTAL** \$ 3083.00  
**WEEKLY TARGET:** \$ 3500.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### CUPPA FOR OUR CARPARK

#### 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**

### FROM POPE FRANCIS

#### A supernatural gift

*Certainly, spiritual discernment does not exclude existential, psychological, sociological or moral insights drawn from the human sciences. At the same time, it transcends them. Nor are the Church's sound norms sufficient. We should always remember that discernment is a grace. Even though it includes reason and prudence, it goes beyond them, for it seeks a glimpse of that unique and mysterious plan that God has for each of us, which takes shape amid so many varied situations and limitations. It involves more than my temporal well-being, my satisfaction at having accomplished something useful, or even my desire for peace of mind. It has to do with the meaning of my life before the Father who knows and loves me, with the real purpose of my life, which nobody knows better than he. Ultimately, discernment leads to the wellspring of undying life: to know the Father, the only true God, and the one whom he has sent, Jesus Christ (cf. Jn 17:3). It requires no special abilities, nor is it only for the more intelligent or better educated. The Father readily reveals himself to the lowly (cf. Mt 11:25).*

*Lord speaks to us in a variety of ways, at work, through others and at every moment. Yet we simply cannot do without the silence of prolonged prayer, which enables us better to perceive God's language, to interpret the real meaning of the inspirations we believe we have received, to calm our anxieties and to see the whole of our existence afresh in his own light. In this way, we allow the birth of a new synthesis that springs from a life inspired by the Spirit.*

[Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, **GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE**]



### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Last Sunday morning, just like other Christian communities all over the world, the Sri Lankan Catholics joyfully gathered together in their local churches to celebrate Easter. They were unaware of suicide bombers quietly walking into three of their churches, and also into various hotels throughout the country to detonate their bombs, making it the bloodiest Easter Sunday we have ever had. 321 including many children had their lives cut short and more than 500 were injured. No one would have imagined multiple massacres could happen in such sacred places in our world, and yet it did happen just a week ago. An unthinkable nightmare has become real due to some mad desire of a group of mad people in our time. Let us remember in our prayer this weekend those who lost their lives or have been injured in the Sri Lankan multiple bombings, especially our brothers and sisters in faith. May the Risen Christ grant them a share in his Kingdom, where we are all headed.

In the context of the unthinkable, the Gospel of John this weekend presents to us with the story of how the Risen Christ dealt with Thomas, who treated the accounts of his friends about Jesus' resurrection as something unthinkable, and even publicly challenged them to put his finger into the wounded hands and his hand into the pieced side of his Master as a must to bring him to such a belief.

To Thomas' surprise, Jesus did appear once again with the disciples, while they and Thomas himself were gathering in a house with doors completely shut. Through the inclusion of the 'closed doors' detail, John perhaps means to highlight the brand new status of the Risen Christ, which is divine, metaphysical and beyond what his disciples had been used to experiencing. Perhaps this helps explain why he instructed Mary of Magdala when she first met him outside his tomb, 'don't cling to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father', and then went on to ask her to spread the news of his

Resurrection to other disciples instead.

Jesus then challenged Thomas to go ahead with his challenge, something he, of course, did not have the courage to do. All he could do was to utter five simple words, 'my Lord and my God', simple and yet enough to verify his Master's resurrection, that it truly was Jesus that he had met.

Most significantly, Jesus then makes this extra ordinary statement, 'you believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Here Jesus seems to use the opportunity to send a transgenerational message of affirmation to future generations of his believers, who come to faith in him thanks to the testimony of the disciples, that they are blessed, too as much as those who had the privilege to see him face to face.

Today, let us give praise and thanks for the testimony of the disciples to help enrich our faith in Jesus, especially his death and Resurrection. Let us ask the Risen Lord to help strengthen our faith as he strengthened Thomas' in his moment of doubts, especially when we feel spiritually shaken or discouraged.

Have a faith-filled week.

Fr. Henry

## PARISH NEWS...

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

A special welcome this weekend to the children and their families from our parish who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of May. Please keep these children in your prayers as they commence their preparation this week. Also, a reminder to parents that our first meeting is **this Wednesday 1st May from 6:30pm or Saturday 4th May from 4:30pm**. Both meetings are in the parish meeting room.



### MUSIC LITURGY MEETING:

**All music ministers are reminded there will be a music liturgy meeting THIS WEDNESDAY 1st MAY FROM 7:30pm in the parish office.** At least one representative from each group is required to attend as we discuss and prepare important aspects of the music liturgy in our parish.



#### 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**. Raffle 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. We still have a lot of raffle tickets available to sell. Please see Evelyn after Mass or drop into the parish office if you require more tickets to sell.

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER THANK YOU

A big word of thanks to all our wardens, welcomers, acolytes, readers, extra-ordinary ministers of Communion, altar-servers, musicians, singers, parish office staff and volunteers for giving all you had to help our community pray better throughout this Holy Week and Easter. May the Risen Christ return to you manifold what you have given to him.

### LOURDES OVER 50S MEETING: PUBLIC TRANSPORT OUTING

Thursday 2nd May to Watsons Bay. Meet at Seven Hills Station car park for the 9.28am train to the City.

**TAI CHI AND HEALTH QIGONG FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING: Every Wednesday at 10:30-11.30am** in the Parish Meeting Room. Cost:\$10 . Please note there will be no classes on 1st May.

### PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Thank you for supporting our Caritas Project Compassion for 2019. It would be appreciated if all could return their Project Compassion boxes as soon as possible.

### MOTHER'S DAY MINI PHOTO SHOOT

Mother's Day is fast approaching! Are you stuck for present ideas? The gift of photos is timeless, precious and simply beautiful! So, why not round up the family clan and pop on your best outfits and take part in a Mini Photoshoot Session? Bookings are limited, with only one more weekend remaining. **4th May**. If you are interested, come and see Laura Bellissimo after weekend Masses or contact her via email - laurabellissimophotography@gmail.com, to find out more information and to make a booking with her! Posters hung up around the church, have all the information you need to know as well!

**All are being donated to the fundraising for the Church Carpark.**

### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 REPORT

A new update of our parish Plenary Council 2020 work is available around the Church this week with a focus on the issue of Youth ministry under the Plenary Council 2020 Report signs. Everyone is welcome to have a look or take a copy home.

## YOUTH CORNER

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in our Station of the Good Friday Walk last week. Over 900 young people from around the Diocese came to our church just after midnight on Good Friday night on their way from St Patrick's Blacktown to St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta. As always, it was amazing to witness the prayer and devotion of so many young people from our Diocese which wouldn't have been possible without the many young people from our parish taking responsibility for preparing and leading this important community prayer.

#### Upcoming Youth Gatherings:

*Young Adults Group* - our next meeting is on **Friday 10th May from 6:45pm in the parish meeting room**. Anyone between 18-35 years is very welcome to come along

*Four2Eight* - our parish junior youth group will next meet on **Sunday 5th May from 10:45am in the parish meeting room**. For anyone from Year 4 to Year 8.