

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."

13/14 April
Acolytes Vigil 8am **Lawrence Falzon**
 9.30am **Frank Paiva**
 Vigil **Noel Emmanuel**
Ministers **Cathy Hutchings, Louise La Guidara**
 8.00am **Fennie Balatbat, James Dinning, Lorraine Fernandes, Louis Fernandez, Helen Gonzales, Adrian Walker**
 9.30am **Anna Bellissimo, Jude Dias**
Readers Vigil **Karen Eleazar, Perpetual Fernandes, VOLUNTEERS**
 8.00am **Kathy Walker, Bob McNally, VOLUNTEERS**
 9.30am **Laura Bellissimo, Rob Simpson, VOLUNTEERS**
Altar Servers Vigil **Alex La Guidara, Thomas Osbourne, Arynna Roy, Riley Sultana, Ruby Sultana**
 8.00am **Chrisha Gonzales, Amelia Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg**
 9.30am **Alex Bagatella, Eric Da, Victor Da, Alexandra Simpson, Mikayla Simpson**
Musicians Vigil 8am **Magnificat Lolesio Choir**
 9.30am **Tongan Group**
Children's Rosary Liturgy **2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only**
Jordan Family
21A Abigail Street, Seven Hills
Flowers 7th April **Lucinda & Orinda**
Bookshop Vigil 8am **Mariane Christian Shelia**
 9.30am **Erika Hien**
Morning Tea 9.30am **Young Adults Group**
Church Cleaning 20 April **Andrew Fedrigo & Ramzee Michael**
Welcomers Vigil 8am **VOLUNTEERS Joyce Hillbrick, Annette Peatman, VOLUNTEER**
 9.30am **Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS**

20/21 April
 The roster for the Easter Liturgies (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday) is available at the back of the church.
Musicians Vigil 8am **Deanne Couples for Christ**
 9.30am **Folk Group**
Children's Rosary Liturgy **2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only**
Morris Family
45 James Street, Seven Hills
Flowers 14 April **Fenny & Angela**
 Vigil 8am **Greg Edith Gartner**
 9.30am **Carole**
Bookshop 9.30am **Kamela HuiHui & Anna Lopeti**
Morning Tea 9.30am **Sue Abela, Felicity Gravina, Joyce Muscat**
Church Cleaning 24 April

PARISH DIARY APRIL		
15	Parish Office closed today	All day
15	Legion of Mary	1:30pm
15	St Vincent de Paul	7:00pm
16	Good Friday Walk – OLOL practice	3:00pm
16	Parish 2 nd Rite of Reconciliation	7:30pm
16	Fr Henry's 24 th Ordination Anniversary	
17	Confession	8:30-9:30am
18	Confession	8:30-9:30am
18	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am
18	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:30pm
18	Adoration and night prayer	11:0pm
19	Stations of the Cross	10:00am
19	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3:00pm
19	Good Friday walk	
20	Confession	9:30-10:30am
20	Easter Vigil Mass	6:00pm
27	Men's breakfast	8:30am

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord —Year C 14 April 2019

Parish Priest: Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran
Parish Secretary: Mrs Erika Hien
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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
 Resumes after Easter

READINGS This Sunday
 1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
 Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

READINGS Sunday 21/4/2019
 1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43
 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
 Gospel: John 20:1-9

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

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.
 He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.
 The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.
 Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.
 The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest. Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.*

OPENING PRAYER: Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow, caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

RESPONSE TO PSALM: *My God, my God why have you abandoned me?*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.*

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. We look forward to hearing from you!



Let us Pray for the Sick

David Barrow, Shane Lawrence, John Bourke, Gabriel Chung, Frances De Silva, Mignonne De Zilva, Andrew Fedrigo, Letitia Haines, 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: Phyllis Herbert, Laure Alegada, Tony Andrews, France Angseesing, Joao Francisco Fernandes Calisto, Jerry Cato, Catherine Chandra, Patrick John Fischer, Marian Kalinski, Auk Kyung Monica Kim, Maria Kingson, Marianito Lopez, Remegio Palmos, Michael Perak, Roseline Ratnam, Kay Rego, Maria Zentai.

Anniversaries: Vaya Anthony, Fortunata Baiada, Rosario Cabasa, Simeon and Valentina Carlos, Dominic, Conception, Monica D'Souza, Georges Stello Descombes, Zoltan Gartner, Tarcisio 'Archie' Gatt, Margarita Gayoso, Josephine Gomez, Leonie Jordan, Victor Lo Martire, Tomasa and Nicanor Magpayo, Joan Morgan, Irene and Albert Moroney, Tom Morrissey, Lakshman Perera, John Ratnam, Pat Renshaw, Jose Reyes, Mary Silva, Santan & Pauline Soares, Peter Smith, Arsenio Udan, Nora Zarb.

Remembrance: Roy, Mary and Des Barney, Paul, Simone & Cyril, Nasario Enfesta, Felicissimo Family, Gabilo Family, Harold, Rosine and Mark Laffeur, Sharon and John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Louis and Stephen Mula, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family, Carmelo Portelli, Rev Fr Ambrose Ryan, Jo Shep & Maria, Amalia and Dominga Usman.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 2678.00
Loose \$ 823.00
TOTAL \$ 3764.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00



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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

GOOD FRIDAY WALK

Our parish is once again hosting one of the stages of the Good Friday Walk. We are in need of young people aged 14 and over from our parish community to get involved with music ministry or participating in our dramatisation on the night. If you'd like to be involved, please contact via email: s.lenthall8@gmail.com or call the parish office 96222920. Practices will be held 16th April from 3-4pm and on the night Friday 19th April from 8pm.



FROM POPE FRANCIS SPIRITUAL COMBAT, VIGILANCE AND DISCERNMENT- part2

Along this journey, the cultivation of all that is good, progress in the spiritual life and growth in love are the best counterbalance to evil. Those who choose to remain neutral, who are satisfied with little, who renounce the ideal of giving themselves generously to the Lord, will never hold out. Even less if they fall into defeatism, for "if we start without confidence, we have already lost half the battle and we bury our talents... Christian triumph is always a cross, yet a cross which is at the same time a victorious banner, borne with aggressive tenderness against the assaults of evil".

Spiritual corruption: *The path of holiness is a source of peace and joy, given to us by the Spirit. At the same time, it demands that we keep "our lamps lit" (Lk 12:35) and be attentive. "Abstain from every form of evil" (1 Thess 5:22). "Keep awake" (Mt 24:42; Mk 13:35). "Let us not fall asleep" (1 Thess 5:6). Those who think they commit no grievous sins against God's law can fall into a state of dull lethargy. Since they see nothing serious to reproach themselves with, they fail to realize that their spiritual life has gradually turned lukewarm. They end up weakened and corrupted.*

Spiritual corruption is worse than the fall of a sinner, for it is a comfortable and self-satisfied form of blindness. Everything then appears acceptable: deception, slander, egotism and other subtle forms of self-centredness, for "even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light" (2 Cor 11:14). So Solomon ended his days, whereas David, who sinned greatly, was able to make up for disgrace. Jesus warned us against this self-deception that easily leads to corruption. He spoke of a person freed from the devil who, convinced that his life was now in order, ended up being possessed by seven other evil spirits (cf. Lk 11:24-26). Another biblical text puts it bluntly: "The dog turns back to his own vomit" (2 Pet 2:22; cf. Pr 26:11). Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE

FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Since the Vatican II Council in 1962, the Church has taken the new approach of embracing our cultural diversity, and the translation of the Roman Missal into various vernacular languages worldwide can be seen as part of such a trend. However, long before local churches had the official approval from Rome in the area of inculturation; people made their own initiatives to enrich the Church with their own cultures. For instance, I remember the people from my village unconsciously stamping their cultural mark upon the celebration of Palm Sunday by turning ordinary palm leaves into ornamental objects such as birds, crickets and other fancy things to make the Palm Sunday procession truly a festive occasion.

As we all know, Palm Sunday is the beginning of the Holy Week, and its history can be traced back from the fourth century according to Peregrinatio Egeriae, the travel diary of a woman who had the opportunity to witness the Palm Sunday ritual in Jerusalem, followed by other celebrations for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil.

For this liturgical year, we have a chance to listen to the story of Jesus' Passion according to Luke, whose audience was primarily Greek in background. This cultural affiliation seems to make an impact upon Luke's approach to re-tell Jesus' death and resurrection, which very much reminds people of the life and death of Socrates, a well-known philosopher, one of Greek greatest heroes, who faced his death with courage and serenity by his willingness to take the poison cup, drinking it, lying down and passing away peacefully. Likewise, Jesus remained calm and collective and taught his



disciples until the very end, heal the man whose ear was cut off by one of the disciples, walk his way to the Golgotha, comfort the women of Jerusalem, give pardon to the good thief, ask for God's forgiveness for his persecutors, entrust his spirit into his Father's hands, and finally breath his last on the cross.

As we listen to the Passion story of our Lord today, let us be inspired by his courage and calmness in the face of suffering and death, and pray that the Lord continues to bestow on us his grace to give us strength to face our challenges and turn them into credits for eternity.

Have a grace-filled Holy Week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY 15TH APRIL due to an all day electrical power outage while Endeavour Energy carries out essential maintenance in the area. If you need to contact the Parish please leave a phone message 9622 2920 and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR CHILDREN

Congratulations to the 44 children in our parish who made their first Reconciliation last Wednesday. I would like to thank the parents for supporting their children along this journey and our catechists, Artelle and Sarah, and Judy, our Sacramental Co-ordinator for helping to run the program. A special thanks also to the musicians John, Christine, Laura and Crystal whose service helped make the liturgy very special.



Please take note of the following for this week:		
Tue 16th April	Parish 2nd Rite of Reconciliation	7:30pm
Wed 17th April	Confession	8:30-9:30am
Thur 18th April	Confession	8:30-9:30am
Thur 18th April	HOLY THURSDAY MASS	7:30pm
Thur 18th April	Adoration and night prayer	11:00pm
Fri 19th April	GOOD FRIDAY	
	Stations of the Cross	10am
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3pm
Fri 19th April	Good Friday walk	From 11pm
Sat 20th April	Confession	9:30-10:30am
Sat 20th April	EASTER VIGIL MASS	6pm
Sun 21st April	EASTER SUNDAY MASS	8am, 9:30am

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 3 weekends of mini sessions remaining. **13th April, 27th April & 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.

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EASTER ROSTERS If you are available over the Easter weekend to serve at one of our Easter Liturgies, please add your name to the roster at the back of the church from this weekend. As we have a large number of people attending these liturgies who don't come to Mass regularly, **it's particularly important we have welcomers at each celebration over the Easter period.** Even if you've never served as a welcomer before, if you can provide a welcoming smile and a bulletin to greet people as they arrive, you're more than qualified to serve in this important ministry.

Walking with Refugees: A person seeking asylum will be telling their story as part of a free workshop conducted by the Humanitarian HUB which supports volunteers working with people who have suffered persecution. The workshop will highlight issues such as privacy and confidentiality, cross-cultural competency, working with people who have experienced trauma, professional boundaries and parishioners' mental health and wellbeing. The workshop will be Saturday 10am - 3pm 27th April at Our Lady Queen of Peace parish, St George Preca Centre, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Lunch provided. Limited places available. Book now. To register please contact:

Andrea Watkins. Humanitarian Hub Coordinator,
The NSW Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (NAPSA)
M: 0435 655 906 E: info@nswhumanitarianhub.org.au



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.

CONCERT TICKETS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND!

Avoid disappointment and make sure you purchase your ticket to this great family event this weekend! Tickets on sale in the foyer of the church after Mass.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

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.