

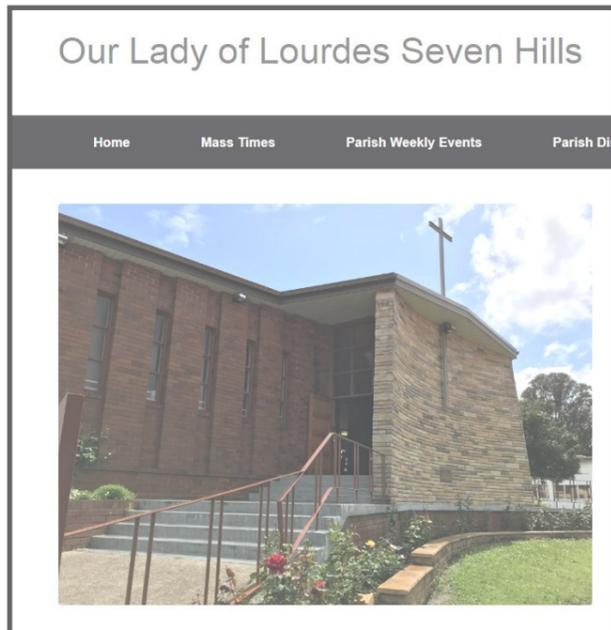
Acolytes, Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers, please remember to arrive ready 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass

The roster for the Easter Liturgies (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday ) is available at the back of the church.

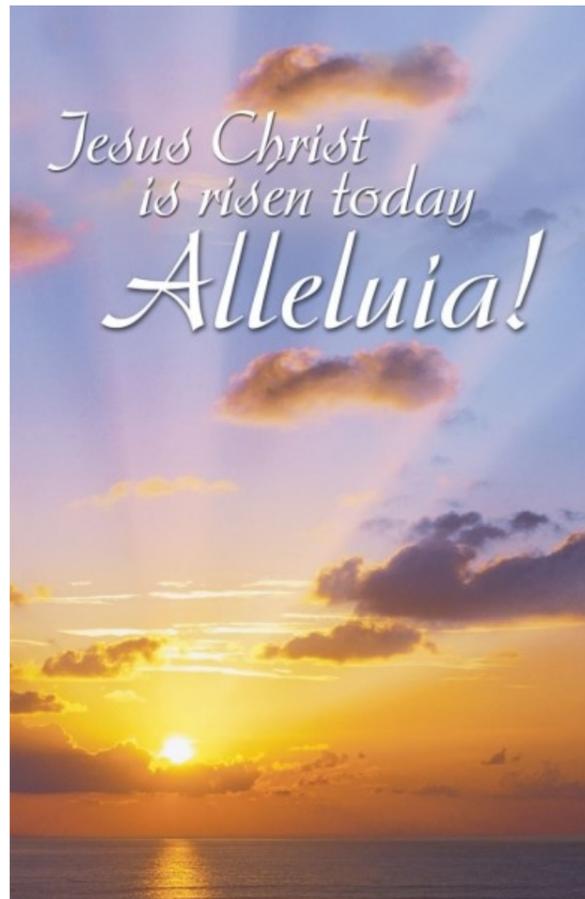
- Musicians** Vigil 8am Deanne Couples for Christ  
9.30am Folk Group
- Children's Rosary** Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only  
Morris Family  
45 James Street, Seven Hills
- Flowers** 14 April Fenny & Angela
- Bookshop** Vigil 8am Greg Edith Gartner  
9.30am Carole
- Morning Tea** 9.30am Kamela HuiHui & Anna Lopeti
- Church Cleaning** 24 April Sue Abela, Felicity Gravina, Joyce Muscat

PARISH DIARY		
APRIL		
22	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
25	Anzac Day Mass	8.00am
25	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
27	Men's breakfast	8:30am
28	Confirmation Enrolment Mass	9:30am
29	St Vincent de Paul meeting	7:00pm
MAY		
1	Sacrament of Confirmation Meeting 1	6:30pm
2	Healing Mass	8:00am
2	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am
3	Exposition and Divine Mercy	7:00pm

**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)



- 27/28 April**
- Acolytes** Vigil 8am John Jordan  
9.30am Louis Fernandes  
David Christian
  - Ministers** Vigil Charmaine Jansz, Christine Menezes  
8.00am Edith Gartner, Lorraine Fernandes  
9.30am Nancy Shami, Mariane Descombes
  - Readers** Vigil Stefanie Menezes, Crystal Menezes  
8.00am Pepito Ferriols, Priya Joachim  
9.30am Volunteers
  - Altar Servers** Vigil Erika Naing, Riley Naing, Jaylen Naing,  
Makayla Dalmati, Caron Cyril  
8.00am Isabella Dela Cruz, Volunteers  
9.30am 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
  - 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



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

*"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."*

## Sunday of the Resurrection 21 April 2019

**Parish Priest:** Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran  
**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Erika Hien  
**Sacrament Co-Ordinator:** Mrs Judy Barden  
**Parish Church:** 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147  
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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 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**

**READINGS Sunday 28/4/2019**  
1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16  
2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19  
Gospel: John 20:19-31

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.  
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.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.*

**OPENING PRAYER:** O God, who on this day, through your only begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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:** *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.*

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

**Anniversaries:** John O'Sullivan, Vaya Anthony, Fortunata Baiada, Rosario Cabasa, Simeon and Valentina Carlos, Theresa & Gerald Chetcuti, Dominic, Conception, Monica D'Souza, Georges Stello Descombes, 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, 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, Felicissimo 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, 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

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 1781.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$ 912.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2693.00</b>
<b>WEEKLY TARGET:</b>	<b>\$ 3500.00</b>



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

#### DISCERNMENT

*How can we know if something comes from the Holy Spirit or if it stems from the spirit of the world or the spirit of the devil? The only way is through discernment, which calls for something more than intelligence or common sense. It is a gift which we must implore. If we ask with confidence that the Holy Spirit grant us this gift, and then seek to develop it through prayer, reflection, reading and good counsel, then surely we will grow in this spiritual endowment.*

**An urgent need:** *The gift of discernment has become all the more necessary today, since contemporary life offers immense possibilities for action and distraction, and the world presents all of them as valid and good. All of us, but especially the young, are immersed in a culture of zapping. We can navigate simultaneously on two or more screens and interact at the same time with two or three virtual scenarios. Without the wisdom of discernment, we can easily become prey to every passing trend.*

*This is all the more important when some novelty presents itself in our lives. Then we have to decide whether it is new wine brought by God or an illusion created by the spirit of this world or the spirit of the devil. At other times, the opposite can happen, when the forces of evil induce us not to change, to leave things as they are, to opt for a rigid resistance to change. Yet that would be to block the working of the Spirit. We are free, with the freedom of Christ. Still, he asks us to examine what is within us – our desires, anxieties, fears and questions – and what takes place all around us – “the signs of the times” – and thus to recognize the paths that lead to complete freedom. “Test everything; hold fast to what is good” (1 Thess 5:21).*

**Always in the light of the Lord:** *Discernment is necessary not only at extraordinary times, when we need to resolve grave problems and make crucial decisions. It is a means of spiritual combat for helping us to follow the Lord more faithfully. We need it at all times, to help us recognize God’s timetable, lest we fail to heed the promptings of his grace and disregard his invitation to grow. Often discernment is exercised in small and apparently irrelevant things, since greatness of spirit is manifested in simple everyday realities. It involves striving untrammelled for all that is great, better and more beautiful, while at the same time being concerned for the little things, for each day’s responsibilities and commitments. For this reason, I ask all Christians not to omit, in dialogue with the Lord, a sincere daily “examination of conscience”. Discernment also enables us to recognize the concrete means that the Lord provides in his mysterious and loving plan, to make us move beyond mere good intentions. Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE*

### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

The youngest brother of a friend of mind ran an Asian Grocery shop in the Old Plaza of Bankstown, and I often called in to get supply of fresh fruit, since his shop always offered the freshest fruits compared to others around. Every time I called in and had a chat with him, I couldn't help but think of the story his older brother told me years ago about him, when the family decided to embark on a sea-unworthy boat to escape Vietnam and left their parents behind. Since he was so attached to his mother and could have no sleep without her, the other brothers had to improvise and gave him a piece of his mums' clothing, so that he could embrace it at night for a peaceful sleep. This young man, however, has since got married and now has high-school aged children. I often wonder whether he has still missed his mum after all these



years. I have never had the courage to reveal to him the little secret his older brother once shared with me.

I hope this story can help us reflect well upon St John's account of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. Together with Peter, John was one of the most fortunate people to have the privilege to eye-witness the tomb, where Jesus was buried three days before.

They ran to the place, after the ladies in their group informed them of Jesus' empty tomb. Luke in his account from the Easter Vigil identified them as Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and James' mother named Mary, and went on to report that Peter did see nothing but Jesus' binding cloths left in the tomb, and was amazed by what he saw. John, on the other hand, goes into more detail of what he saw: the linen cloths lay on the ground inside the tomb, and the cloth wrapping over Jesus' head located at a different spot. Most significantly John solemnly declared that the scene of the empty tomb decorated with Jesus' burial linen cloths brought him to faith in Jesus' resurrection from the dead, something foretold not only by Jesus, but also by the teaching of scripture.

As we gather together to celebrate Jesus' triumphant rise from the dead, a sign of great hope for us to be partakers in his glory one day, let us give praise and thanks to the Son of God for showing us what to do to reach eternal life. Pray that our faith may be strengthened by John's testimony, and able to extend his mission to proclaim Jesus' death and resurrection by means of our concrete deeds and words. In the joy of Easter, I would like to wish everyone a happy time filled with the Risen Lord's blessings.

Fr. Henry

## PARISH NEWS...

### 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.

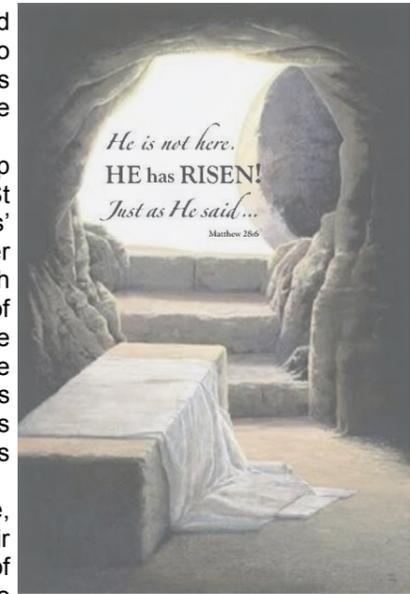
### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Colin and Latuholeva who celebrated Sacraments of Initiation with us this Easter. Colin celebrated Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and Latuholeva celebrated her Confirmation. We wish you both the blessings of the Risen Lord as you continue on your journey of faith.

### 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 the following dates: 24th April, 1st May.



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 2 more weekends of mini sessions remaining. **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.**

**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

### 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.



**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 ARE ALMOST SOLD OUT!** Avoid disappointment and make sure you book your tickets soon for this great parish event! Tickets on sale after Mass this weekend.