

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."

		11/12 May
Acolytes	Vigil 8am	Lawrence Falzon Jim Said Noel Emmanuel
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am	Louise La Guidara, Christine Menezes James Dinning, Priya Joachim, Anne McNally, Andrew Millar, Eugene Miu, Adrian Walker
	9.30am	Artelle Lenthall, Dawn Manamperi
Readers	Vigil 8.00am	Perpetual Fernandes, Stefanie Menezes Erika Hien, Bob McNally
	9.30am	David Christian, Mercy Aquino
Altar Servers	Vigil 8.00am	Alex La Guadara, Christian Milicevic, Caitlyn Rambukwella, Samuel Thoms Matthew Said, Rebecca Said, Lewis Savic
	9.30am	Connor Ballment, Ethan Ballment, Carl Gallema, Marc Gallema, Umesh Samara-Sekera
Musicians	Vigil 8am	Magnificat Lolesio Choir Tongan Group
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only Menezes Family 39 Winnipeg Street, Seven Hills
Flowers	5th May	Mary B & Annette
Bookshop	Vigil 8am	Marinela Edith Fenty Saputra
Morning Tea Church Cleaning	9.30am	Malayalee Community Andrew Fedrigo, Ramzee Michael
Welcomers	Vigil 8am	Judith Deloso, Annette Peatan, VOLUNTEER Joyce Hillbrick, Rita Paolini, VOLUNTEER
	9.30am	Marianne Descombes, VOLUNTEERS

		18/19 May
Acolytes	Vigil 8am	Abel Do Rosario Eugene Miu Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil 8.00am	Edith Gartner, Jemma Sarmiento Lorraine Fernandes, Louis Fernandes
	9.30am	Mercy Aquino, Anna Bellissimo, Laura Bellissimo, Carole Brooks, Barbara Chandler
Readers	Vigil 8.00am	Rob Simpson, Noreen Rosario Benno Motha, Kathy Walker
	9.30am	Helen Katopau, Ian Epondulan
Altar Servers	Vigil 8.00am	Benjamin Clark, Genevieve Estil, Madisen Estil, Alexandra Simpson, Mikayla Simpson Chrisha Gonzales, Karuniya Maruthanayagam, VOLUNTEER
	9.30am	Celestina Gonzales, Chiara Katopau, Oliana Katopau
Musicians	Vigil 8am	Deanne Couples for Christ Folk Group
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only Soares Family 33 Pretoria Road, Seven Hills
Flowers	19 May	Fennie & Angela
Bookshop	Vigil 8am	Mariane Christian Shelia Erika Hien
Morning Tea Church Cleaning	9.30am	John O'Brien Sue Abela, Felicity Gravina, Joyce Muscat
Welcomers	Vigil 8am	Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEERS Helen Gonzales, Chandra Sampanthan, VOLUNTEER
	9.30am	Kathy Chamberlain, Lena Falzon, Maria Michael

Fourth Sunday of Easter 12th May 2019

Parish Priest:	Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran	Office Hours:	Monday-Friday: 9am - 3.00pm
Parish Secretary:	Mrs Erika Hien	Telephone:	9622 2920
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Parish Church:	7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147	Parish Website:	www.olol7hills.org.au
Postal Address:	PO Box 944, Seven Hills 1730	Parish School:	Our Lady of Lourdes
		Principal:	Ms Keiran Byrnes

WEEKEND MASS	Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 8am & 9.30am	HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK	1st Thursday of month at 8am. 6 June 2019
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WEEKDAY MASS	Tues - Friday 8am	RECONCILIATION	Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm
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PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE	Monday & Saturday 8am	BAPTISMAL PREPARATION	15th May 2019 7.30pm
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Church Open Monday-Friday	8.30am-3pm (for prayer and reflection)	YOUTH MASS	1st Sunday of the month 9.30am.
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Exposition, Divine Mercy 7th June 7.00pm
A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

READINGS This Sunday	1st Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17 Gospel: John 10:27-30	We are now turning to the gentiles. The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and lead them to springs of living water. I will give my sheep eternal life.
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READINGS 19/5/2019	1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5 Gospel: John 10:31-35	They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them. He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes. I will give you a new commandment: love one another.
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.*

OPENING PRAYER: Almighty and ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

RESPONSE TO PSALM: *We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me, Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.*

DIOCESAN NEWS

FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL :

Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the various letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Greek islands in this 14-day pilgrimage lead by Catholic Priests that features Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi and Meteora for an all-inclusive price of \$5990. The group departs on 1st October 2019. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + 4 day cruise with Lunch + All Breakfast & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300721561 or email us info@magiholidays.com.au.

PARISH DIARY		
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12	Confirmation: Presentation of Creed	9.30am
13	Legion of Mary Meeting	1:30pm
13	St Vincent de Paul meeting	7.00pm
15	Tai Chi	10:30am
15	Sacrament of Confirmation Meeting 4	6:30pm
16	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am
18	Sacrament of Confirmation Meeting 4	4:30pm
18	ALOHA NIGHT	7:30pm
19	Social Justice Group	12:30pm

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

Grant Lawrence, 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 Tipaldo. Paul, 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: Steve Barden, Laure Alegada, Tony Andrews, France Angseensing, Joao Francisco Fernandes Calisto, Jerry Cato, Catherine Chandra, Leah Fernandes, Patrick John Fischer, Phyllis Herbert, Marian Kalinski, Auk Kyung Monica Kim, Marianito Lopez, Maria, Frank Morrissey, Joyce Muffty, Remegio Palmos, Michael Perak, Roseline Ratnam, Kay Rego.

Anniversaries: Oliver Jordan, Antonio Jung, Elvira Bellissimo, Angela Bellissimo, Anne Menezes, Carmela Carbone, Louise Muscat, Mary Chircop, Alison Vella, Josephine Muscat, Maria Almodover, Chuling Sabale, Emanuel Apap, Tila Botarro, Simeon and Valentina Carlos, Theresa & Gerald Chetcuti, Stella Cini, Adoracion Davis, Georges Stello Descombes, Georgina Falzon, Nevis Fernando, Nola & Harold Gagan, Teodoro Garcia, Zoltan Gartner, Tarcisio 'Archie' Gatt, Margarita Gayoso, Josephine Gomez, Oswald Herbert, Rita Hili, Sheena Landagan, Rosa Mancina, Mangion Family, Tomasa and Nicnor Magpayo, Beryl McKertich, Irene and Albert Moroney, Tom Morrissey, Anton Motha, John O'Sullivan, Lakshman Perera, John Ratnam, Laureano Reyes, Jose Reyes, Shirley Sexton, Mary Silva, Lucy Vasquez.

Remembrance: Elvira & Angela Bellissimo, Mary and Des Barney, Michael Angelo Bartolo, Paul, Simone & Cyril, Falzon Family, Maria, Gerardo Felisiamo, Oswald Herbert, Harold, Rosine and Mark Lafleur, Sharon and John Lawrence, April Marabe, Pauline Meilak, Anne Menezes, Lourda Motha, Louis and Stephen Mula, Andreana Muscat, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family, Lakshman Perera, Carmelo Portelli, Joseph Saliba, Amalia and Dominga Usman. Cultura and Emeliana Families

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. Inflammate my heart so that I may love you more.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 1813.00
Loose \$ 816.00
TOTAL \$ 2629.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CUPPA FOR OUR CARPARK

Can you spare the cost of a cuppa each week to support our parish?

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

The logic of gift and of the cross

An essential condition for progress in discernment is a growing understanding of God's patience and his timetable, which are never our own. God does not pour down fire upon those who are unfaithful (cf. Lk 9:54), or allow the zealous to uproot the tares growing among the wheat (cf. Mt 13:29). Generosity too is demanded, for "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Discernment is not about discovering what more we can get out of this life, but about recognizing how we can better accomplish the mission entrusted to us at our baptism. This entails a readiness to make sacrifices, even to sacrificing everything. For happiness is a paradox. We experience it most when we accept the mysterious logic that is not of this world: "This is our logic", says Saint Bonaventure,[125] pointing to the cross. Once we enter into this dynamic, we will not let our consciences be numbed and we will open ourselves generously to discernment.

When, in God's presence, we examine our life's journey, no areas can be off limits. In all aspects of life we can continue to grow and offer something greater to God, even in those areas we find most difficult. We need, though, to ask the Holy Spirit to liberate us and to expel the fear that makes us ban him from certain parts of our lives. God asks everything of us, yet he also gives everything to us. He does not want to enter our lives to cripple or diminish them, but to bring them to fulfilment. Discernment, then, is not a solipsistic self-analysis or a form of egotistical introspection, but an authentic process of leaving ourselves behind in order to approach the mystery of God, who helps us to carry out the mission to which he has called us, for the good of our brothers and sisters.

I would like these reflections to be crowned by Mary, because she lived the Beatitudes of Jesus as none other. She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us. Our converse with her consoles, frees and sanctifies us. Mary our Mother does not need a flood of words. She does not need us to tell her what is happening in our lives. All we need do is whisper, time and time again: "Hail Mary..."

It is my hope that these pages will prove helpful by enabling the whole Church to devote herself anew to promoting the desire for holiness. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God's greater glory, and let us encourage one another in this effort. In this way, we will share a happiness that the world will not be able to take from us.

Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, on 19 March, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, in the year 2018, the sixth of my Pontificate. Francis

[Final chapter of Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE]

FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Recently a friend told me the story of a Vietnamese bishop, who was disrupted by a member of an assembly somewhere in the US while giving a homily on the topic of dialogue and reconciliation.

That particular member in fact accused him of being pro-communist in his sermon. Interestingly, my friend, at the end of the story, added his comment that the bishop happened to encounter a tiger in the



congregation, instead of a sheep!

At the global level, Pope Francis, as we know, has been given a hard time by a tiny group of vocally arch-conservative prelates badmouthing him and blaming him for all sorts of church problems. Ironically these same people often accuse others of not paying enough of attention to papal teachings in the past. The Pope has handled this issue quite well by opting for a rather democratic approach, which is to allow his oppositions to voice their opinions rather than to shut them out totally and brutally, even though he has the papal authority to do so.

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus offers us a definition of what it means to be true members of his sheepfold; that they need to demonstrate the ability to listen to his voice and follow him, and in return, he shall give them incorruptible and everlasting life. Keep in mind that Jesus' voice is calling us to show our love for God and our neighbours, and be merciful and forgiving as God has done to us. His voice can be found today through his teachings in the Gospels, through the Magisterium – the official teachings of the Church, through the official voice of the Bishop of Rome, or through our informed conscience.

Traditionally, we all are invited to pray for vocations in the Church this weekend, especially for vocations to be shepherds looking after Jesus' sheep in the Church. Let us pray that the Lord will send good labourers to our Australian harvest, which has been in dire need.

Pray that we all may be able to bear witness to the Risen Shepherd by our willingness to listen to his voice and put it into practice both by what we say and do in our everyday lives.

Have a good listening week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Members of our Parish Pastoral Council met last Wednesday night, and had some discussions about some of the issues raised by our community. These were with regard to Faith formation, Junior Youth Ministry, plus our next Altar Servers recruitment, and especially our Envelopes program, which needs a real boost to keep our budget healthy. Our **Planned Giving collection** (through the envelopes and also on the first collection) assists our parish greatly in budgeting for the future as we have an indication of income for the parish for the coming period. On this note, I would like to thank once again the current members of our Envelopes program for their kind support, and at the same time encourage non-members to join. All you have to do is to collect a form available at our church doors, fill out your details and place it in a collection or return it to me. Your weekly contributions are much needed and appreciated.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

CALLING NEW SERVERS!

Are you in year 4 or older? Have you completed your First Holy Communion? Are you keen to join the Altar Servers ministry??

Pick up a form from the back of the church from this weekend, complete it and place it in the box provided. Formation will be held over the coming weeks and you will be contacted with details of when your formation will be. Any questions or concerns, feel free to email judyb@olol7hills.com.au or call 96222920.

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Social Justice Group next meeting Sunday 19th May 12:30 - 2 pm Parish meeting room.

Invites you Tuesday 14th May 5 - 7 pm to Iftar meal (breaking Ramadan fast) with People seeking protection at JRS Westmead, 2 Darcy road (closest to Westmead Station). No parking so suggesting traveling together by train.

Invites you Saturday 25th May to march in Blacktown City - Streets Alive and Parade Day with other faith communities.

Contact Terry Jordan via 0409373715 or jordantr@bigpond.com for RSVP, questions or further information.

Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hills Parish
"Aloha Concert"
featuring special guest award winning performer
Saturday 18th May 2019 - 7:30pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Hall
7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills NSW 2147
Brian Lorenz

All raffle tickets and any outstanding money must be returned to Evelyn this weekend or to the office during the week or on the night.
Thank you to everyone who has sold raffle tickets and we look forward to a great night of fun next Saturday!

Plenary Council

This week we report comments made by parishioners on Changes they would like to see in this Parish. Please take time to scan through the comments on the Church walls or take a personal copy from the table at the back of the church. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This weekend we welcome the children from our parish who are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of the month. This weekend, each child is presented with the Apostle's Creed - a very important statement of faith and the basis for the Baptismal commitment they will renew for themselves at their Confirmation. Please continue to keep these children in your prayers during this important time.

Upcoming Confirmation Meetings:

Wednesday 15th May from 6:30pm in the Stage 2 classrooms or Saturday 18th May from 4:30pm in the parish meeting room. Confirmation practice: Wednesday 22nd May from 6:30pm.

