

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

		1/2 June
Acolytes	Vigil 8am	Lawrence Falzon Bob McNally Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil	Abel Do Rosario, Anna Bellissimo, Louise La Guardara, Derick Soares, Rosey Soares
	8.00am	Priya Joachim, Anne McNally
	9.30am	Helen Joachim, Suzy Nemorin
Readers	Vigil	Perpetual Fernandes, Jemma Sariento
	8.00am	VOLUNTEER, Kathy Walker
	9.30am	Noel Emmanuel, Erika Hien
Altar Servers	Vigil	Alex La Guidara, Riley Sultana, Ruby Sultana
	8.00am	Jayden Cortis, Amelia Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg
	9.30am	Chrisha Gonzales, Larissa Leary, Karuniya Maruthanayagam, Ethan Neish, Jayda-Leigh Neish
Musicians	Vigil 8am	Youth for Christ Grace Notes Christine Clarke
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only Stambouliah Family, 16 Oakwood Rd, Toongabbie
	2 June	
Flowers	2 June	Fenty & Mimi
Bookshop	Vigil 8am	Volunteer Volunteer Edmund
	9.30am	
Morning Tea Church Cleaning	9.30am	Tongan Choir Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spitieri, Suzy Nemorin
1st June		
Welcomers	Vigil 8am	Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEERS Olivia Cortis, Rita Paolini, VOLUNTEER
	9.30am	Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS

		8/9 June
Acolytes	Vigil 8am	Derick Soares Gerard Marcello Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil	Abel Do Rosario, Anna Bellissimo
	8.00am	Winnie Marcello, Ernie Gartner, Edith Gartner, Eugene Miu, Anne McNally, Bob McNally
	9.30am	Maria Michael, Mercy Aquino
Readers	Vigil	Noreen Rosario, Marinela Simic
	8.00am	Adrian Walker, Andrew Millar
	9.30am	Jeanine Nonato, Megan Michael
Altar Servers	Vigil	Benjamin Clark, Thomas Osborne, Caron Cyril, Noah Ebb, Aryn Roy
	8.00am	VOLUNTEERS
	9.30am	Rynan Michael, Jerard Sarmiento, Victor Da, Eric Da, Matthew Shawcross
Musicians	Vigil 8am	Magnificat Lolesio Choir Tongan Group
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only Maka Family, 69 Seven Hills Rd, Seven Hills
	9 June	
Flowers	9 June	Lucinda & Orlindo
Bookshop	Vigil 8am	Marinela Edith
	9.30am	Fenty Saputra
Morning Tea Church Cleaning	9.30am	Young Adults Group
13 June		
Welcomers	Vigil 8am	Elodia Colussi, Elizabeth Mead Judith Deloso, Annette Peatman, VOLUNTEERS Joyce Hillbrick, Chandra Sampanthan, VOLUNTEERS
	9.30am	VOLUNTEERS



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS
"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

The Ascension of the Lord 2 June 2019

Parish Priest:	Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran	Office Hours:	Monday-Friday: 9am - 3.00pm
Parish Secretary:	Mrs Erika Hien	Telephone:	9622 2920
Sacrament Co-Ordinator:	Mrs Judy Barden	Parish Office Email:	secretary@lol7hills.org.au
Catechist Coordinator:	Mr Bob McNally 96241015	Parish Website:	www.lol7hills.org.au
Parish Church	7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147	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
WEEKDAY MASS	Tues - Friday 8am	RECONCILIATION	Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm
PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE	Monday & Saturday 8am	BAPTISMAL PREPARATION	17th July 2019 7.30pm
Church Open Monday-Friday	8.30am-3pm (for prayer and reflection)	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
Exposition, Divine Mercy 7th June	7.00pm	A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses	

READINGS	1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11	Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.
This Sunday	2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23 Gospel: Luke 24:46-53	He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven. While blessing them, he was taken to heaven
READINGS	1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11	They were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.
9/6/2019	2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-17 Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26	Everyone moved by the Holy Spirit is a son of God. The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, Alleluia.*

OPENING PRAYER: Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. 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: *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.*

OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE, PARRAMATTA

extends a warm welcome for you to attend their college musical The Wizard of Oz to celebrate 130 Years of Mercy Education. The Wizard of Oz (3 performances) – June 4-6, 6.30pm Edith Angel Hall, OLMC Parramatta Come early and make a night of it with Food Trucks and Snack Stalls available from 5pm Tickets: \$20 Ground Floor | \$25 Mezzanine Tickets can be purchased at www.olmc.nsw.edu.au



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		
JUNE		
1-2	Bishop's Appeal this weekend	All Masses
2	Youth Group Mass	9:30am
2	Four2Eight Junior Youth	10:45am
3	Legion of Mary	1:30pm
5	Tai Chi	10:30am
6	Healing Mass	8:00am
6	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am
7	Exposition of Divine Mercy	7:30pm
10	Legion of Mary	1:30pm
10	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7:00pm
12	Tai Chi	10:30am
12	Pastoral Council Meeting	7:30pm
13	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am
13	Over 50s meeting	10:30am
17	Legion of Mary	1:30pm
19	Tai Chi	10:30am
20	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am

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@lol7hills.org.au. We look forward to hearing from you!



Let us Pray for the Sick

David Barrow, John Bourke, Gabriel Chung, Paul Daniel, Andrew Fedrigo, Letitia Haines, Angelo Job, Grant Lawrence, Shane Lawrence, Gordon McLandsborough, Patricia Oreo, Debra Price, Narelle Schoenfeld, Pat Slavik, Rose Stambouliah, Tony Stambouliah, Denis Symon, Sue Tipaldo, Wendy and Klaus.

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: Tony Andrews, Steve Barden, Catherine Chandra, Margaret Cook, VA Francis, Phyllis Herbert, Cicily Joseph, Marian Kalinski, Maria, Michael Perak, Roseline Ratnam, Fransico Rodrigues,

Anniversaries: Peter Bonnici, Tila Botarro, Frances Buttigieg, Carmela Carbone, Mary Chircop, Adoracion Davis, Marie Thérèse Descombes, Mark Falzon, Tony (Antonio) Faorlin, Betty Gramza, Stefan Gramza, Nevis Fernando, Nola & Harold Gagan, Teodoro Garcia, Alice George, Josephine Gomez, Oswald Herbert, Oliver Jordan, Antonio Jung, Dr Richard Lin, Beryl McKertich, Rosa Mancina, Irene and Albert Moroney, Tom Morrissey, Cajetan Mula, Mary Muscat, John Ratnam, Jack Renshaw, Laureano Reyes, Cornelio Rondario, Mary Silva, S Susainathan, Peter Van Nhon Tran, Lucy Vasquez, Louise Vella, Priscila Villanueva.

Remembrance: France Angseesing, Rosario Axisa, Elvira & Angela Bellissimo, Roy, Mary and Des Barney, Cultura Family, Carmena, Paul and Johnny Dimech, Paul, Simone & Cyril, Joseph, Katarina, Francis Curmi, Emeuana Family, Maria, Gerardo Felisiamo, Nazzareno, Josephine and Joseph Galea, Oswald Herbert, Rizza Javier, Sharon and John Lawrence, Felina Maglaya, April and Mamerto Marabe, Pauline Meilak, Anne Menezes, Anton and Lourda Motha, Louis and Stephen Mula, Andreana Muscat, Muscat Family, Joseph Saliba.

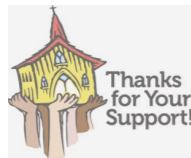
ACT OF LOVE

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 \$ 1626.00
Loose \$ 867.00
TOTAL \$ 2493.00
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?

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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 word of God says that young people should be treated "as brothers" (1 Tim 5:1), and warns parents not to "provoke your children, lest they become discouraged" (Col 3:21). Young people are not meant to become discouraged; they are meant to dream great things, to seek vast horizons, to aim higher, to take on the world, to accept challenges and to offer the best of themselves to the building of something better. That is why I constantly urge young people not to let themselves be robbed of hope; to each of them I repeat: "Let no one despise your youth" (1 Tim 4:12). Nonetheless, young people are also urged "to accept the authority of those who are older" (1 Pet 5:5). The Bible never ceases to insist that profound respect be shown to the elderly, since they have a wealth of experience; they have known success and failure, life's joys and afflictions, its dreams and disappointments. In the silence of their heart, they have a store of experiences that can teach us not to make mistakes or be taken in by false promises. An ancient sage asks us to respect certain limits and to master our impulses: "Urge the younger men to be self-controlled" (Tit 2.6). It is unhelpful to buy into the cult of youth or foolishly to dismiss others simply because they are older or from another generation. Jesus tells us that the wise are able to bring forth from their store things both new and old (cf. Mt 13:52). A wise young person is open to the future, yet still capable of learning something from the experience of others.

In the Gospel of Mark, we find a man who, listening to Jesus speak of the commandments, says, "All these I have observed from my youth" (10:20). The Psalmist had already said the same thing: "You, O Lord, are my hope; my trust, O Lord, from my youth... from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds" (Ps 71:5.17). We should never repent of spending our youth being good, opening our heart to the Lord, and living differently. None of this takes away from our youth but instead strengthens and renews it: "Your youth is renewed like the eagle's" (Ps 103:5). For this reason, Saint Augustine could lament: "Late have I loved you, beauty ever ancient, ever new! Late have I loved you!" Yet that rich man, who had been faithful to God in his youth, allowed the passing years to rob his dreams; he preferred to remain attached to his riches (cf. Mk 10:22). On the other hand, in the Gospel of Matthew we find a young man (cf. 19:20.22) who approaches Jesus and asks if there is more that he can do (v. 20); in this, he demonstrates that youthful openness of spirit which seeks new horizons and great challenges. Yet his spirit was not really that young, for he had already become attached to riches and comforts. He said he wanted something more, but when Jesus asked him to be generous and distribute his goods, he realized that he could not let go of everything he had. In the end, "hearing these words, the young man went away sad" (v. 22). He had given up his youth.

The Gospel also speaks about a group of wise young women, who were ready and waiting, while others were distracted and slumbering (cf. Mt 25:1-13). We can, in fact, spend our youth being distracted, skimming the surface of life, half-asleep, incapable of cultivating meaningful relationships or experiencing the deeper things in life. In this way, we can store up a paltry and unsubstantial future. Or we can spend our youth aspiring to beautiful and great things, and thus store up a future full of life and interior richness.

If you have lost your inner vitality, your dreams, your enthusiasm, your optimism and your generosity, Jesus stands before you as once he stood before the dead son of the widow, and with all the power of his resurrection he urges you: "Young man, I say to you, arise!" (Lk 7:14).

[Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, CHRISTUS VIVIT — to the young people and the entire people of God]



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

In the past, the Thursday before the seventh Sunday of Easter marked the feast of the Ascension, commemorating Christ's return to heaven where he was sent to us by his Father. However, this feast, in recent years, is no longer celebrated on a Thursday, but is observed on the Sunday prior to the Pentecost instead. The feast of the Ascension may be regarded as the final event of Jesus' visible earthly ministry, and from a metaphorical perspective, it may be seen as an expression of an enduring relationship between the ascended Jesus and the Church he left behind. The Ascension made possible the sending of the Holy Spirit, since the disciples received the Holy Spirit after the Ascension to help change them completely from fearful men into courageous witnesses to Christ's Death and Resurrection, as Jesus asked them before he took them to the outskirts of Bethany and was lifted up to heaven. It is worth noting that there were no tears shed in the farewell moment before Jesus withdrew from the disciples and was carried up to heaven. Instead, there was joy and thanksgiving. The writer of Luke's Gospel makes it very clear that the disciples left the Ascension scene filled with joy and then remained in the Temple to give praise and thanks to God.

As we celebrate the feast of the Ascension today, let us ask the Risen Christ fill the heart of each of us with joy as he did for the disciples of old, and pray that we may be more committed to our call to be witnesses to Jesus in our everyday lives.

Have a joyful week.

Fr. Henry

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF MY FATHER

I will be home for the tenth anniversary of my dad which occurs on Monday 10 June. I hope you don't mind to keep the soul of Peter Van Nhon Tran in your prayers.

For the next three weekends, the Franciscan friars from Plumpton will be available to help our parish with Sunday Masses, and Fr Ed will say our weekday Masses. Please make them welcome.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

ALOHA NIGHT

Both our Raffle and Aloha concert went very well thanks to the generous support of the community and selfless commitments of our Parish Office staff, Organising Committee and army of volunteers led by the one and only Evelyn Beed. Lots of raffle tickets were sold and more than 320 attended the concert. All in all, it was a successful project and we achieved the goal we set out to achieve.

Let us give praise and thanks to the Lord for this great achievement, and I would like to thank everyone for your kind help in whatever way or form, especially Evelyn for her tireless and dedicated work week in and week out in the last few months to steer the project to such a great end. God bless you all.

Fr Henry

Congratulations to all raffle prizes winners:

1st prize: Ticket Number 5318 Maria Balatbat

2nd prize: Ticket number 8016 Sharon McDonnell

3rd prize: Ticket number 4071 Juliet Vargas

4th prize: Ticket number 2998 Jocelyn Bade

5th prize: Ticket number 0015 Ethel Singzon

ITEMS FOR THE BULLETIN need to be received by the parish office by **Thursday 12pm** each week to ensure inclusion in the parish bulletin for the coming weekend. Items submitted after this time will not be able to be included. Thank you for your support.



THE FUNERAL MASS FOR MARGARET COOK will be celebrated in our parish this week on **Tuesday 4th June at 10:30am**

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

This week we report on Our Parishioner's responses to **"What is Needed to Change the Culture of the Church in Australia"** and are heartened by the wide range of and the relevance of the responses received. Please make sure you read them or take a copy home from the back of the Church.

MOTHER'S DAY PHOTO SHOOT - Laura Bellissimo Photography
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT: Wow wow wow OLOL! Words can not express just how very grateful I am for everyone's support for the Mother's Day Mini Photoshoot. I was very fortunate enough, to have raised \$900.00, from the photographic project. So, from me to you, the church community, I say a very big thank you - for all your encouragement, help, generosity and faith. All proceeds made are going directly to the church funding for the carpark construction. Many Blessings - Laura Bellissimo

THE BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL, SATURDAY 1 & SUNDAY 2 JUNE

When God calls, will you hep them answer? The Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is training 15 young men to be true shepherds of Christ's flock and future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. Your gift to Parramatta Catholic Foundation this weekend will support our seminarians to prepare for the priesthood and a life of community service. **Please give generously via the Bishop's Good Shepherds Appeal envelopes or online at www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal**

ATTENTION MINISTERS

A new roster will be coming out next month for all ministers. All roster forms and updates online need to be completed by **Monday 10th June** so the roster can be completed and distributed before the end of June. Any questions or concerns, please email Judy in the parish office judyb@lol7hills.com.au or call 96222920.

SERVER TRAIING

Thank you to everyone who submitted forms to be trained as a server. **Server training will be held on Sunday 2nd June from 8:45am - 9:30am in the church.** New servers will then be introduced to the parish community and commissioned at the 9:30am Mass that morning.

ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION DISCUSSION

Pope Francis has shared his concerns about climate and peoples' welfare, environment, waste, consumerism and renewables for our times in "Laudsto Si': On Care for our Common Home". The need for Ecological Conversion has been in Papal Documents since 1990. That is Responding to the Cry of the Earth and the Poor and making a complete change of heart in how we live on God's Earth. Come, join in and share with Instruction, Discussion and Action, Tuesday 4th June, 7.30pm, OLOL Parish Meeting Room.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Social Justice Group invites you to join **Bishop Vincent at Pentecost Retreat Day** for rest and inspiration as a community of pilgrims on the same journey. **Saturday 8th June** 9am to 4pm Mount Schoenstatt, Fairlight Road Mulgoa. **Registrations are essential.** Sign on sheets are at the back of the church or register by phone 8838 3460 or email lmckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au. If you need a lift or have car space contact Terry 0409373715.