

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."

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 28 July 2019

27/28 July

Acolytes Vigil 8am-9.30am **Derick Soares, Louis Fernandes, Noel Emmanuel**

Ministers Vigil 8.00am **Helen Gonzales, Rosey Soares**
9.30am **Fennie Balatbat, Lawrence Falzon**

Readers Vigil **David Christian, Mariane Descombes**
8.00am **Pepiti Ferriols, Karen Eleazar**
9.30am **Rob Simpson, Mercy Aquino**

Altar Servers Vigil **Alexa Bagatella, Juan Burgess, Caron Cyril, Yxaak Dino, Arynna Roy**
8.00am **Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park**
9.30am **Mary-Rose Mejalli, Jerard Sarmiento, Alexandra Simpson, Mikayla Simpson, Leanne Viegas**

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

Children's Rosary Liturgy 24 July **2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only**
Menezes Family, 75 Grantham Road Seven Hills 2147

Flowers 28 July **Mary B, Priya & Annette**

Bookshop Vigil 8am-9.30am **Marinela Edith VOLUNTEER**

Morning Tea Church Cleaning 7 August **Couples for Christ, Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spitieri, Suzy Nemorin**

Welcomers Vigil 8am-9.30am **Judith Deloso, Mary Bonnici, VOLUNTEER, Rita Paolini, VOLUNTEERS, Artelle Lenthall, Adrian Walker, VOLUNTEER**

3/4 August

Acolytes Vigil 8am-9.30am **Lawrence Falzon, Gerard Marcello, Ramzee Michael**
Vigil **Abel Do Rosario, Cathy Hutchings, Louise La Guidara, Benno Motha, Jemma Sarmiento, Marinela Simic**
8.00am **Winnie Marcello, Andrew Millar**
9.30am **Ryan Epondulan, Paul Gow**

Ministers Vigil 8.00am **Mariane Descombes, David Christian**
8.00am **Erika Hien, Priya Joachim**
9.30am **Megan Michael, Ian Epondulan**

Altar Servers Vigil **Edvin Grover, Alex La Guidara, Erika Naing, Jaylen Naing, Riley Naing**
8.00am **Chrisha Gonzales, Karuniya Maruthanayagam**
9.30am **Makayla Dalmati, Larissa Leary, Sarah Lenthall, Rynan Michael, Umesh Samara-Sekera**

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

Children's Rosary Liturgy 4 August **2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only, Stambouliah Family, 16 Oakwood Road Toongabbie**

Flowers 4 August **Fenty & Mimi**

Bookshop Vigil 8am-9.30am **Volunteer, Volunteer, Edmund, Tongan Choir**

Morning Tea Church Cleaning 15 August **Elodia Colussi**

Welcomers Vigil 8am-9.30am **Judith Deloso, VOLUNTEERS, Helen Gonzales, VOLUNTEERS, Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS**

Parish Priest: Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran
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Sacrament Co-Ordinator: Mrs Judy Barden
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Parish School: Our Lady of Lourdes
Principal: Ms Keiran Byrnes

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

WEEKDAY MASS Tues - Friday 8am
7.30pm

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

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION 18th September 2019

YOUTH MASS 1st Sunday of the month at 9.30am.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE Monday & Saturday 8am

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes Every Friday after 8am Mass until 9am

Exposition, Divine Mercy & Mass 1st Friday of the month 7.00pm

A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

READINGS 1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32 Lord, do not be angry if I speak.
2nd Reading: Colossians 2:12-14 He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13 Ask, and it will be given to you.

READINGS 1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 What do people gain by all their work?
4/08/2019 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-5;9-11 Seek the things that are above where Christ is.
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21 To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people..*

OPENING PRAYER: O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.
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: *Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.*

Bereavement Support Program at Mackillop Hall Granville Commencing August 2019
CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is commencing a 7 session Bereavement Support Program at Mackillop Hall for men or women whose spouse or partner have died.
It will be held weekly on Thursdays from 10am – 12pm, from 08th August – 19th September 2019. There will be an Information session and Overview of the Program on Thursday 01st August from 10am -11am, for anyone who would like to learn more about this.
Venue: Mackillop Hall, 38 Grimwood St, Granville (cnr Randle St). For further information / Registration Essential: Contact Rita on 8843 2575 (Please see flyer on notice board for more info)

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses
The Office for Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion or Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying. The course will be at the Institute for Mission (Downstairs Hall). **NOTE: Introduction Session on 12 August is compulsory. Enrolments close on 5 August 2019.** Please see your Parish Office for a form or for more information, contact 02 8838 3456 or in-grid.vergano@parracatholic.org

	JULY	PARISH DIARY	
27	Encounter - a night of worship		7.30pm
28	Social Justice Group		12.30pm
31	Over 50s Outing		
	AUGUST		
1	Healing Mass		8.00am
1	Christ Community Prayer Group		9.00am
4	National Vocations Awareness Week		
5	Legion of Mary		1.30pm
5	St Vincent De Paul		7.00pm
7	Sacrament Eucharist 1st Meeting		6.30pm
7	Music Liturgy Meeting		7.30pm
8	St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Mass		8am, 9.15am
8	Christ Community Prayer Group		9.00am
8	Over 50's Meeting		7.30pm
8	Finance Meeting		8.00pm

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

Frank Azzopardi, David Barrow, John Bourke, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Meaureen Daley, Paul Daniel, Andrew Fedrigo, Letitia Haines, Warren Hoad, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Maria V, Gordon McLandsborough, Laurel Morris, Patricia Oreo, Debra Price, Rose & Tony Stambouliah, Denis Symon, Sue Tiplado

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: Soledad Andanar, Helen Bonnici, VA Francis, Warren Hoad, Laude Joachim, Anthony Micalef, Arcanjo Monteiro, Roseline Ratnam, Joaquin Tesoro Jr.

Anniversaries: Anthony Garcia, Christine Henderson, Guiseppe & Antonio Mancina, Pietro Marra, Graciano Menezes, Joseph Menezes, Lourda Motha, Joe Moutia, Albert Mula, Anton Mula, Custodio Sr & Nieves Palmos, Felicisimo & Natalia Prahinog, Santan Paulie Soares, Lucy Vasquez.

Remembrance: Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Nazjin Bonello, Paul, Simone, Cyril, Anselmo Diaz, Sharon & John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Federico, Wilfredo, Milagros & Cayetana Mendoza, Anton Motha, Louis & Stephen Mula, Mary Muscat & Family, Lakshman Perera, Domenico & Evelina Vallera, Bernadine Wunder.

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 \$ 1739.00
Loose \$ 676.00
TOTAL \$ 2415.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

A CUPPA FOR CARPARK PROJECT

As part of our efforts to raise funds to cover the cost of our Carpark upgrade recently, all members of our parish are invited to join a Direct Debit program by donating a cup of coffee or a glass of beer either weekly, fortnightly or monthly for this good cause. Keep in mind that though we have some limited funds, we have to meet a long list of costs, including the driveway, the lower carpark, the Olive St. pathway, our buildings and properties.

Please add a reference of "Donation". Banking details are below:

DIRECT DEPOSIT:
BSB: 067 950;
Account Number 000552;
Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.

FROM POPE FRANCIS

Young saints

The heart of the Church is also full of young saints who devoted their lives to Christ, many of them even to dying a martyr's death. They were precious reflections of the young Christ; their radiant witness encourages us and awakens us from our lethargy. The Synod pointed out that "many young saints have allowed the features of youth to shine forth in all their beauty, and in their day they have been real prophets of change. Their example shows what the young are capable of, when they open themselves up to encounter Christ".

Through the holiness of the young, the Church can renew her spiritual ardour and her apostolic vigour. The balm of holiness generated by the good lives of so many young people can heal the wounds of the Church and of the world, bringing us back to that fullness of love to which we have always been called: young saints inspire us to return to our first love (cf. Rev 2:4)". Some saints never reached adulthood, yet they showed us that there is another way to spend our youth. Let us recall at least some of them who, each in his or her own way, and at different periods of history, lived lives of holiness.

In the third century, Saint Sebastian was a young captain of the Praetorian Guard. It is said that he spoke constantly of Christ and tried to convert his companions, to the point that he was ordered to renounce his faith. Since he refused, he was shot with arrows, yet he survived and continued to proclaim Christ fearlessly. In the end, Sebastian was flogged to death.

Saint Francis of Assisi, while very young and full of great dreams, heard Jesus' call to become poor like him and to rebuild the Church by his witness. He joyfully renounced everything he had and is now the saint of universal fraternity, the brother of all. He praised the Lord for his creatures. Francis died in 1226.

Saint Joan of Arc was born in 1412. She was a young peasant girl who, despite her tender years, fought to defend France from invaders. Misunderstood for her demeanour, her actions and her way of living the faith, Joan was burned at the stake.

Blessed Andrew Phù Yên was a young Vietnamese man of the seventeenth century. He was a catechist and assisted the missionaries. He was imprisoned for his faith, and since he refused to renounce it, he was killed. Andrew died uttering the name of Jesus.

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

FROM FR. HENRY DUC

The very last weekend of my time in Vietnam, I was told by my parish priest that he had to read a letter from the Vietnamese Episcopal Conference about the Healing Mass. It began with the summary of its place in the Church, and moved on to the real concern, that there have been a few clergy abusing this rite.

The point in case is that a Parish priest in the outskirts of Saigon Archdiocese have been celebrating it almost every day, except Monday, his day-off. This particular priest has been able to attract thousands of people from all walks of faiths, flocking in to have him touch their heads with the hope that they will receive bodily healing. He has a lot of helpers, dedicated and eagerly prepared to venture outside the liturgical and logistical realm into the business by setting up piety shops and food stalls, and someone told me that even into the hotel industry. In concluding, the Vietnamese bishops ask people to exercise their prudence, and try not to support such behaviour, for it would send a negative message to many non-believers. I know of a priest from a neighbouring parish



who has taken his own measure to deal with that issue by publicly banning his parishioners going to that place. Those who violate the ban shall be disciplined sacramentally up to three months. On the other way, he prefer his parishioners to pray locally, to look after themselves better, or to see their GPs when they get sick.

In the Gospel this week, starting from the disciples request to teach them a prayer, Jesus gave them the famous prayer, the Our Father, also known as the Lord's prayer, a shorter version compared with Matthew's. Then he went on tell the story about a friend asking another friend for help for another friend in the middle of the night. Due to his persistence, the one in bed had to get up to offer what the one from outside had asked for. His aim is to reveal the secret of the key ingredient to make a successful prayer, which is persistence. We need to ask, search and knock on the heavenly door persistently, and our good and wise Father will give us what we pray for. However, we ought to keep in mind that he just gives us what is good for us and nothing else. Therefore, don't be discouraged when what we pray for is not given, for it might not be good for us in one way or another. Inspired by what Jesus means to teach us about prayer this Sunday, let us ask the Lord to help us to pray also for the right things, things that would give us strength and support to lead us to our promised land of eternity. Have a prayer-oriented week. Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Over this whole weekend, we will have the opportunity to have Roza Vukovich to speak at our three Masses on the topic of Catholic Mission and what we can do to support the Church in this ministry. Please make Roza feel welcome and offer her our best support.

MUSIC LITURGY MEETING: Wednesday 7th August at 7.30pm.

Please could all groups kindly ensure that there is a representative from your group at the meeting? Thank you.

OVER 50s CLUB PUBLIC TRANSPORT OUTING WEDNESDAY 31st JULY

Meet at Seven Hills Station for the 9.20am train to the City.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS— OLOL Hall Hire

The finance committee has decided to no longer offer a discount for parishioners. All hirers will have the same fee applied - \$500 bond plus \$770 hall hire fee. Also, an additional \$100 fee is applied if someone hiring the hall on a Saturday would like to set up on the Friday afternoon.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: Please collect your planned giving envelopes from the rear of the Church. Check the list of names next to the boxes to locate your Planned Giving Envelope number. Please discard all old envelopes. All receipts for the year ending June 2019 will be available for collection at the end of July.



2020 ♦♦♦
enrolments

OUR LADY OF LOURDES Primary School is currently accepting enrolments for children eligible to commence Kindergarten in 2020, please contact Beth or Monique in the school office on 8869 6800. between 8.30am - 3.30pm Monday to Friday

THE PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION is traditionally taken up throughout Catholic parishes around the world. This collection helps provide the Holy Father with funds for emergency assistance to those in need. The proceeds enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. We will be taking up this collection in our parish on 3rd and 4th August. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

DIOCESAN NEWS

SERVING AT THE ALTAR:

Ongoing formation day for acolytes and altar servers. Saturday 3rd August, 9.30am-2.30pm at the Institute for Mission Blacktown. RSVP 29th July Ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org. Morning tea & lunch provided.

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are inviting parishioners to join them for a Holy Family Association gathering.

Date: Saturday, 3 August 2019
Venue: Queen of Poland Convent
116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong

From 10am.
All welcome. For more information please call Sr Alicja salicjad@msn.com Tel. 9626 7847 Mob. 0410 638 804

National Vocations Awareness Week: 4 – 11 August

National Vocations Awareness Week runs nationally from 4 to 11 August. The concept of 'vocation' applies to every person's life, for if we listen well, we discover that God calls each of us to play a part in his vision here on the earth. For more information about Vocations in the Diocese of Parramatta, please visit www.parracatholic.org/vocations/

CYP Music Ministry Masterclass: 3 August

CYP are hosting a Music Ministry Masterclass at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill on Saturday 3 August from 9.30am to 5pm. This is an invitation for musicians, worship leaders, youth and aspiring composers to gather and be formed in music ministry especially for the involvement and evangelisation of young people. Register now at <https://parracatholic.org/masterclass/>



Feast of the Assumption Pilgrim Walk: 15 August

The Annual Pilgrim Walk from the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta will be held on the Feast of the Assumption Thursday 15 August. Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate Mass at 12 noon before the pilgrimage begins. Everyone is welcome to begin walking from any point of the 14km walk. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9629 2595.



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