

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."

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 11 August 2019

10/11 August

Acolytes Vigil 8am John Jordan
9.30am Eugene Miu
Ramzee Michael

Ministers Vigil Ernie Gartner, Charmain Jansz

8.00am Carole Brooks, James Dinning, Lorraine Fernandes, Louis fernandes, Anne McNally, Benno Motha

9.30am Jude Dias, Paul Gow

Readers Vigil Rob Simpson, Jemma Sarmiento

8.00am Pepito Ferriols, Bob McNally

9.30am Noel Emmanuel, Anna Lopeti

Altar Servers Vigil Alexa Bagatella, Majerin Pieris, Jayden Rambukwella, Alexandra Simpson, Mikayla Simpson

8.00am Alexa Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg, Lewis Savic

9.30am Chloe Attard, Connor Ballment, Ethan Ballment, Riley Ballment, Matthew Shawcross

Musicians Vigil 8am Magnificat
9.30am Lolesio Choir
Tongan Group

Children's Rosary Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only

11 August Maka Family
69 Seven Hills Road, Seven Hills

Flowers 11 August Lucinda & Orlindo

Bookshop Vigil 8am Marinela
9.30am Edith
Fenty Saputra

Morning Tea 9.30am Young Adults Group

Church Cleaning 15 August Elodia Colussi & Elizabeth Mead

Welcomers Vigil 8am Annette Peatman, Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEER
9.30am Rita Paolini, Joyce Hillbrick, VOLUNTEER
Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS

17/18 August

Acolytes Vigil 8am Derick Soares
9.30am Ernie Gartner
Ramzee Michael

Ministers Vigil Anna Bellissimo
8.00am Helen Gonzales
Fennie Balatbat
Suzy Nemorin

9.30am Barbara Chandler
Ian Epondulan
Dawn Manamperi
Maria Michael
Nancy Shami
Adrian Walker

Readers Vigil Marinela Simic, Laura Bellissimo

8.00am Andrew Millar, Kathy Walker

9.30am Kamela Huihui, Megan Michael

Altar Servers Vigil Benjamin Clark, Jesseline Franco,
Christian Milicevic, Caitlyn Rambukwella,
Dominic Sant

8.00am Jayden Cortis, Ethan Neish, Jayda-Leigh Neish

9.30am Umesh Samara-Sekera, Jerard Sarmiento,
Ashley-Louise Tenn, Daniel Tenn, Samuel Thoms

Musicians Vigil 8am Deanne
9.30am Couples for Christ
Folk Group

Children's Rosary Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only

11 August Jordan Family
21A Abigail Street, Seven Hills

Flowers 18 August Fennie & Angela

Bookshop Vigil 8am Mariane Christian
9.30am Shelia
VOLUNTEER

Morning Tea 9.30am Kamela Huihui & Anna Lopeti

Church Cleaning 24 August Andrew Fedrigo, Ramzee Michael

Welcomers Vigil 8am Judith Deloso, VOLUNTEERS
9.30am Olivia Cortis, Chandra Sampanthan, VOLUNTEER
Kathy Chamberlain, VOLUNTEERS

Parish Priest: Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran
Pastoral Care of the Sick: Bathista Emmanuel 0405833655
Parish Secretary: Mrs Erika Hien
Sacrament Co-Ordinator: Mrs Judy Barden
Catechist Coordinator: Mr Bob McNally 96241015
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

HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK
1st Thursday of the month at 8am. **5th September 2019**

WEEKDAY MASS Tues - Friday 8am
7.30pm

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION 18th September 2019

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

PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE Monday & Saturday 8am

Church Open 8.30am-3pm
Monday-Friday (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: Wisdom 18:6-9
Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

This Sunday 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Gospel: Luke 12:32-48
We will look for the city designed and built by God. .
See that you are prepared

READINGS 1st Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
18/08/2019 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel: Luke 12:49-53
You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.
Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.
I have come not to give peace, but discord.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.*

OPENING PRAYER: Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised.
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: *Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.*

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!*

PETITION TO SUPPORT LIFE

TELL NSW: DON'T RUSH THESE RADICAL LAWS

Every life is a miracle. Every life is miraculous.
Show your support for life by signing this petition
www.SupportLife.com.au



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
Visit www.olol7hills.org.au

with what's on in our parish!

AUGUST		
12	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
14	Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
14	Tai Chi	10.30am
15	Feast of the Assumption — Holy Day	8am, 9.15am 7.30pm
15	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
19	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7pm
21	Tai Chi	10.30am
21	Sacramental Program Stage 2 Meeting	6.30pm
22	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
24	Sacramental Program Meeting (Rpt)	4.30pm



Let us Pray for the Sick

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

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: Augustine Arango, Johnny Binihan, Nazju Bonello, Charlie & Josephine Borg, Frances Buttigeig, Celine D'Abreo, Patrick John Fischer, VA Francis, Warren Hoad, Claude Joachim, Robert Michael Marucut, Anthony Micalaf, Roseline Ratnam, Joy Vella.

Anniversaries: Cecilia Abela, Frank Baiada, Ronnie Borg, Cini Family, Simone Commarmond, Osmundo Custodio, Michael De Robilliard, Conchita Deloso, Monica, Dominic & Conception D'Souza, Frank & Bev Gagan, Mike Harris, Nguyen Vinh Hien, Edouard Mahomudally, Mangion Family, Pietro Marra, Joe Moutia, Anton Mula, Sofia Ron, Albert Mula, Santan, Uy Ka Si, Pauline Soares.

Remembrance: Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Jayden Cortis, Paul, Simone, Cyril, Pacifica Miranda & Federico de Los Santos, Anselmo Diaz, Rizza Javier, Sharon & John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Federico, Wilfredo, Milagros & Cayetana Mendoza, Lourda Motha, Anton Motha, Louis & Stephen Mula, Mary & Josephine Muscat & Family, Lakshman Perera, Steve Torok, Amalia & Dominga M Usman, Domenico & Evelina Vallera, Natalie Vella, Bernadine Wunder, Zahra Family.

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 \$ 1994.00
Loose \$ 667.00
TOTAL \$ 2661.00
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

CHAPTER 3. You are the "now" of God
After this brief look at the word of God, we cannot just say that young people are the future of our world. They are its present; even now, they are helping to enrich it. Young people are no longer children. They are at a time of life when they begin to assume a number of responsibilities, sharing alongside adults in the growth of the family, society and the Church. Yet the times are changing, leading us to ask: What are today's young people really like? What is going on in their lives?



In positive terms

The Synod recognized that the members of the Church do not always take the approach of Jesus. Rather than listening to young people attentively, "all too often, there is a tendency to provide prepackaged answers and ready-made solutions, without allowing their real questions to emerge and facing the challenges they pose". Yet once the Church sets aside narrow preconceptions and listens carefully to the young, this empathy enriches her, for "it allows young people to make their own contribution to the community, helping it to appreciate new sensitivities and to consider new questions". We adults can often be tempted to list all the problems and failings of today's young people. Perhaps some will find it praiseworthy that we seem so expert in discerning difficulties and dangers. But what would be the result of such an attitude? Greater distance, less closeness, less mutual assistance.

Anyone called to be a parent, pastor or guide to young people must have the farsightedness to appreciate the little flame that continues to burn, the fragile reed that is shaken but not broken (cf. Is 42:3). The ability to discern pathways where others only see walls, to recognize potential where others see only peril. That is how God the Father sees things; he knows how to cherish and nurture the seeds of goodness sown in the hearts of the young. Each young person's heart should thus be considered "holy ground", a bearer of seeds of divine life, before which we must "take off our shoes" in order to draw near and enter more deeply into the Mystery.

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

FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Last January, the Vatican Council turned 60th, since that day St. John 23 made public his intention to call a Council on July 25, 1959, which became the battle place between what Yves Congar described in his My Journal of the Council as the Church and a tiny group of powerful men in the Roman Curia. What came out from the Council has been the Church we have experienced today, renewed, updated and transformed in lot of ways despite its shortcomings.



However, since the closing ceremony of the Council on 7 December, 1965 up till now, there started an ongoing debate within the Church about how to interpret Vatican II teachings between the two groups, named by Massimo Faggioli in his Vatican II, the Battle for Meaning as Neo-Augustinians, regarding the Church as an island of grace in a sinful world, therefore the world can't be trusted and Neo-Thomists, following the footsteps of St Thomas in seeking faith through reasoning and scientific methodology, and there is no sign that this ongoing debate is going to settle any time soon.

At the local level, despite a great sense of excitement amongst the people of God in our preparations for the Plenary Council 2020, there are signs of resistance both vocal and passive, sadly from a pocket of clergy who begin to throw seeds of scepticism and pessimism in the community all in the name of orthodoxy and traditions.

Those experiences above, perhaps, might help us to reflect better upon the message that Jesus speaks to us in the Gospel this Sunday about what he calls fire and division that he brings to the earth. Perhaps, he means to remind us of the inspiring, and yet challenging nature of his teachings, which always inspire and enrich us, and encourage us to think and respond in a variety of ways.

Let us give praise and thanks to our Lord for his inspiring Good News, and pray that we all will continue to treasure it and allow it to challenge, enlighten and empower us in fruitful ways.

PARISH NEWS...



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 or available to download from the school website. Enrolment enquiries are also welcome for primary school aged children seeking enrolment during the school year.

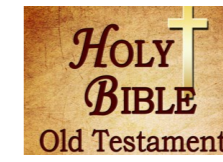
TAI CHI & QIGONG for health and well being - Every Wednesday at 10:30-11.30am in the Parish Meeting Room. Cost:\$10.

DIOCESAN NEWS

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.

Holy Spirit Seminary Open Day: 18 August
"Come and See Day" at Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park on 18 August is a whole-day event, inspired by Our Lord's invitation to the two disciples of John the Baptist to "Come and see", found in the Gospel of John. Open Day provides single men, 16yrs and above, open to a priestly vocation with the opportunity to experience seminary life, beginning with Holy Mass at St Oliver's Parish Church at 10am, followed by talks, a tour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and dinner with Bishop Vincent. RSVP essential. Please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan via johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org or 0420 310 771

FORMATION / RETREAT DAY FOR THOSE INVOLVED IN LITURGICAL MINISTRIES
This formation day for Servers, Readers, Musicians and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist is conducted by Rev. Dr. John Frauenfelder, Principal of the Australian Institute of theology. Venue: our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes on Saturday, 17 August 2019 from 10 am to 3 pm. Cost: Gold coin. For further details and registration: parishoffice@olqp.org.au. All the above ministers from this parish are welcome to attend.



DO CATHOLICS NEED THE OLD TESTAMENT?

Christianity has its roots in the old Testament and Jesus Christ's message is not comprehensible without references to the old Testament theology. The studies of the Hebrew Scriptures will include the following topics: the contents of the Old Testament books; the historical, cultural and geographical context of the Old Testament; theology and theological issues in the Old Testament; ethical issues arising from the study of the Old Testament and the linkage between the Old and New Testaments.

Dates: each Thursday in October 2019: 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Venue: our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, St George Preca Centre, 198 Prospect Road, Greystanes 2145. Telephone 9631 8135. Please register via: parishoffice@olqp.org.au.

The Bishop's Blend Cocktail Evening: Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Rev Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Monday, 19 Aug 2019 at 6:00pm at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop's Blend Cocktail Evening for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://bishopsblendcocktailinthe.eventbrite.com.au> or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

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

Social Justice Sydney North West Caucus Meeting hosted by Sydney Alliance on Saturday, August 24, 9:30-11:30am at the Institute For Mission, Blacktown. RSVP: Suhki Kaur - Ph: 0413 543 019 E: skaur@sydneyalliance.org.au

Central Deanery Youth and Young Adults Meet Your Network Meeting (MYNE) on Wednesday, August 28, 7-10pm at the Institute For Mission, Blacktown. RSVP: Ian Epondulan & Laura Bellissimo E: cypcentraldeanery@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday 29th September. This year the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: "Making it real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world". It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to "boldly become citizens of the digital world". It points out that we are called not to just be inhabitants of this world, but active citizens shaping it. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Office of Social Justice website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499. Order the Statement online at: bit.ly/socialjusticeshop. Facebook : @socialjusticeACBC Twitter: @JusticeCatholic.