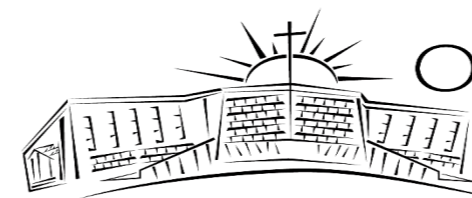


Acolytes, Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers, please remember to arrive ready 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 18 August 2019

Parish Priest: Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran	Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 9am - 3.00pm
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Parish Church: 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147	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

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

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

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

A Blessing for Children is available at all Masses

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

READINGS 25/08/2019 1st Reading: Isiah 66:18-21 They will gather all of your people from all nations.
2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 The Lord disciplines those he loves.
Gospel: Luke 13:22-30 From east and west they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Turn your eyes, O God, our shield: and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*

OPENING PRAYER: O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire.
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, come to my aid!*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.*

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!

17/18 August

Acolytes Vigil 8am-9.30am: Derick Soares, Ernie Gartner, Ramzee Michael

Ministers Vigil: Anna Bellissimo, Helen Gonzales

8.00am: Fennie Balatbat, Suzy Nemorin

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

Readers Vigil: Erika Hien, 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-9.30am: Deanne, 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-9.30am: Mariane Christian, Shelia, VOLUNTEER

Morning Tea 9.30am: Kamela Huihui & Anna Lopeti

Church Cleaning 24 August: Andrew Fedrigo, Ramzee Michael

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

24/25 August

Acolytes Vigil 8am-9.30am: John Jordan, Terry Jordan, Eugene Miu

Ministers Vigil 8.00am: Lawrence Falzon, Christine Menezes, Edith Gartner, Helen Gonzales

9.30am: Mercy Aquino, Nancy Shami

Readers Vigil: Stefanie Menezes, Crystal Menezes

8.00am: Karen Eleazar, Priya Joachim

9.30am: Adrian Walker, Maricel Santos

Altar Servers Vigil: Caron Cyril, Thomas Osborne, Zachary Osborne

8.00am: Chrisha Gonzales, Amelia Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg

9.30am: Connor Ballment, Ethan Ballment, Riley Ballment, Rachel Lobo

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

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

11 August: Morris Family, 45 James Street, Seven Hills

Flowers 25 August: Priya, Mary B & Annette

Bookshop Vigil 8am-9.30am: Greg, Edith, Carole

Morning Tea 9.30am: Couples for Christ

Church Cleaning 28 August: Sue Abela, Felicity Gravina, Joyce Muscat

Welcomers Vigil 8am-9.30am: Mary Bonnici, Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEERS, Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS

AUGUST		
19	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7pm
21	Tai Chi	10.30am
21	Sacramental Program Meeting	6.30pm
22	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
24	Sacramental Program Meeting (Rpt)	4.30pm

Volunteer in the Kimberley

The Catholic Diocese of Broome, WA, is looking for volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of six months. For further details, please contact volunteer coordinator Anneliese Rohr on (08) 9192 1060, email volunteers@broomedioocese.org or visit www.broomedioocese.org/volunteering

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



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



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

Anniversaries: Elizabeth & John Alexander, Frank Baiada, Ronnie Borg, Cini family, Simone Commarmond, Osmundo Custodio, Conchita Deloso, Marie Therese Descombes, Monica, Dominic & Conception D'Souza, Frank & Bev Gagan, Mike Harris, Nguyen Vinh Hien, John Johnson, Jayde Kendal, Edouard Mahomodally, Mangion family, Pietro Marra, Laurence Morrissey, Anton & Mula, Raquel Brodie Porpeda, Sofia Ron, Uy Ka Si, Santan Pauline Soares.

Remembrance: Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Paul, Simone, Cyril, Pacifica Miranda & Federico de Los Santos, Rizza Javier, Sharon & John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Anton & Lourda Motha, Louis & Stephen Mula, Josephine Muscat, Mary Muscat & Family, Lakshman Perera, Doroto & Marcelina Rasalan, Narciso Rodriguez, Steve Torok, Amalia & Dominga M Usman, Natalie Vella, Bernadine Wunder, Zahra Family.

PRAYER TO GET ALONG WITH OTHERS

O God, bless my dealings with all those I encounter this day. Teach me to greet everything that occurs with peace of soul and the firm conviction that your will governs everything. Instruct me to act with firmness and wisdom, without embittering others or embarrassing them. Grant me the strength to endure the weariness of the approaching day, and all that comes with it. Teach me to pray.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 1623.00
Loose \$ 771.00
TOTAL \$ 2394.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

PARISH PROJECTS

As part of our efforts to raise funds to meet the costs of Parish maintenance and improvements, all members of our parish are invited to join a Direct Debit program by donating the cost of 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

Many ways of being young

We might attempt to draw a picture of young people today, but first I would echo the Synod Fathers, who noted that "the makeup of the Synod brought out the presence and contribution of many different regions of the world, and highlighted the beauty of our being a universal Church. In a context of growing globalization, the Synod Fathers wanted the many differences of contexts and cultures, even within individual countries, to be duly emphasized. The worlds of today's 'youth' are so many that in some countries one tends to speak of 'young people' in the plural. The age group considered by the Synod (16-29 years) does not represent a homogeneous category, but is composed of distinct groups, each with its own life experience".

From a demographic standpoint too, some countries have many young people, whereas others have a very low birth rate. "A further differentiating factor is historical: there are countries and continents of ancient Christian tradition, whose culture is indelibly marked by a memory that cannot be lightly dismissed, while other countries and continents are characterized by other religious traditions, where Christianity is a minority presence – and at times a recent one. In other places still, Christian communities, and young people who belong to them, experience persecution".[27] There is also a need to distinguish young people "with access to the growing opportunities offered by globalization from those who live on the fringes of society or in rural areas, and find themselves excluded or discarded".

There are many more differences, which it would be difficult to examine here. In any event, I see no need for a detailed analysis of today's young people, their lives and their experiences. At the same time, since I do not want to neglect that reality, I will briefly summarize some contributions received before the Synod and others that I heard in the course of our meetings.

Some experiences of young people

Youth is not something to be analyzed in the abstract. Indeed, "youth" does not exist: there exist only young people, each with the reality of his or her own life. In today's rapidly changing world, many of those lives are exposed to suffering and manipulation

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

FROM FR. HENRY DUC

As you know, unity and diversity have been the two inseparable sides of the Church, and St Paul highlights these unique characteristics through his human body analogy. Just like a human body, which is one body and at the same time has different parts, the Church, according to Paul, is the body of Christ, and we, by nature of our Baptism have become members of such a sacred and mystical body. Therefore, we are one with one another in the Church, and due to our various calls to serve, we, however, are different.

One of the hymns called One Bread, One Body by John Foley, SJ we often sing in church reminds us very much of such a beautiful dimension of the Church: that though we are many, yet we remain one in the Lord.

Perhaps, this understanding of the Church would help us better understand what Jesus tells us in the Gospel this Sunday: that he comes to bring fire and division to the earth.

The symbol of fire reminds us of the grace and gifts bestowed upon us by the Spirit to keep us strong and zealous in our



mission to bring Christ to all around us, and the one about division, perhaps, would encourage us to think about the diversity dimension of the Church that St Paul rightly mentions in his writings, and a realisation that we are one and we are many, no doubt, would help our Church members appreciate each other better, and come to respect each other better.

Empowered by Jesus' teaching in the Gospel today, let us celebrate our oneness in faith and differences in our ministerial calls. Pray that we may be able to respect each other better, and try our best to support each other to make the best of what we are called to do in the Church.

Have a mutual respect-oriented week.

Fr. Henry

WORDS OF THANKS

On behalf of the parish community I would like to thank Mark Wright from **Sydney Plant Market nursery, 184 Annangrove Rd, Annangrove** for his kindness to donate a mature Japanese Weeping Maple to the parish, which is going to be planted outside the Cregan Parish Meeting Room. May the Lord bless him and his work manyfold for his tremendous generosity.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL, WEEKEND 31 AUGUST – 1 SEPTEMBER Please be prepared for this annual appeal to support our retired and sick bishops, priests and deacons. Last year, through your generosity the diocese was able to raise a significant amount of \$195,000.00. Please keep in mind that any donation over \$2 is tax deductible, and if you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope.

For online contributions, please go to csfparra.org.au using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and account No 001691 in the name of the CSF with reference your name, and send e-mail to csf@parracatholic.org with your details so receipts can be sent to you in January.

PARISH MINISTERS FORMATION NIGHT FRIDAY 30 AUGUST

We would like to invite all our singers and musicians, acolytes, extraordinary ministers of Communion, readers, senior altar servers, catechists and members of the Pastoral Care group to attend a Formation Night on Friday 30 August, starting with dinner in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm. Please sign in the clipboard at the rear of the church for catering purposes.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES Primary School is currently accepting enrolments for children eligible to commence Kindergarten in 2020, please contact Beth in the school office on 8869 6800. between 8.30am - 3.30pm Monday to Friday or the information pack is available to download from the school website. Enrolment enquiries are also welcome for primary school aged children seeking enrolment during the school year.

ST VINCENT de PAUL: This weekend we are holding our annual winter appeal collection. You'll find there are envelopes on the pews for those of you who wish to donate. This year we are focussing on supporting a young mother who has recently found part time work however is unable to afford child care for her small child. Your donation will make a difference to assist with her ability to work and support her family. We thank you for your generosity and your continued assistance. Also if anyone would like to join us as a volunteer you are most welcome.



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

DIOCESAN NEWS

COME & SEE AT THE HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY 31/33 ALLEN ST, HARRIS PARK

All young men from 16 and above are invited to spend a day at our diocesan seminary, 31/33 Allen Street, Harris Park to have some insight to the priestly vocation on Sunday, 18th August 2019 from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

The day begins with Mass at St Oliver's Parish Church at 10.00am, followed by talks, a tour of the seminary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and concludes with dinner with Bishop Vincent.

RSVP is essential for catering purposes, and for further details please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan on 0420310771 or email johnpaul.excarlan@parracatholic.org

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.

Plenary Council 2020:

The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published Listen to what the Spirit is saying, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process. Access the report at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

CYP Convent Crawl: 7 September

Catholic Youth Parramatta are organising a 'Convent Crawl' – an opportunity for young women to experience a day-long journey glimpsing the life of consecrated women. Join CYP as they visit four religious communities across the Diocese of Parramatta. 7 September from 6am to 8.30pm. To register, please visit parracatholic.org/conventcrawl. For inquiries, please contact qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org