

<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>24/25 August</b>	Vigil 8am 9.30am	John Jordan Terry Jordan Eugene Miu	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>31 August/1 September</b>	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Ernie Gartner Eugene Miu Noel Emmanuel
		Vigil	Lawrence Falzon Christine Menezes			Vigil	Anna Bellissimo Laura Bellissimo David Christian Mariane Descombes
<b>Ministers</b>		8.00am	Edith Gartner Helen Gonzales	<b>Ministers</b>		8.00am	James Dinning Anne McNally
		9.30am	Mercy Aquino Nancy Shami			9.30am	Maria Michael Ramzee Michael
<b>Readers</b>		Vigil	Stefanie Menezes, Crystal Menezes	<b>Readers</b>		Vigil	Jemma Sarmiento, Noreen Rosario
		8.00am	Karen Eleazar, Priya Joachim			8.00am	Benno Motha, Bob McNally
<b>Altar Servers</b>		9.30am	Adrian Walker, Maricel Santos	<b>Altar Servers</b>		9.30am	Megan Michael, Erika Hien
		Vigil	Caron Cyril, Thomas Osborne, Zachary Osborne			Vigil	Genevieve Estil, Madisen Estil, Erika Niang, Jaylen Niang, Riley Niang
		8.00am	Chrisha Gonzales, Amelia Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg			8.00am	Chrisha Gonzales, Ethan Neish, Jayda-Leigh Neish
		9.30am	Connor Ballment, Ethan Ballment, Riley Ballment, Rachel Lobo			9.30am	Chloe Attard, Sofia Cilili, Diya Dsouza, Carl Gallema, Marc Gallema
<b>Musicians</b>		Vigil 8am 9.30am	Perry's Angels Perry's Angels Maria Balatbat	<b>Musicians</b>		Vigil 8am 9.30am	Youth for Christ VOLUNTEER Christine Clarke
<b>Children's Rosary</b>	Liturgy 11 August	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only	Morris Family 45 James Street, Seven Hills	<b>Children's Rosary</b>		Liturgy 11 August	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only
<b>Flowers</b>	25 August	Priya, Mary B & Annette		<b>Flowers</b>		1 September	Fenty & Mimi
<b>Bookshop</b>	Vigil 8am 9.30am	Greg Edith Carole		<b>Bookshop</b>		Vigil 8am 9.30am	VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER Edmund
<b>Morning Tea</b>	9.30am	Couples for Christ		<b>Morning Tea</b>		9.30am	Florida Datuin
<b>Church Cleaning Welcomers</b>	24 August	Sue Abela, Felicity Gravina, Joyce Muscat	Mary Bonnici, Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEER	<b>Church Cleaning Welcomers</b>		28 August	Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spiteri, Suzy Nemorin
	Vigil 8am 9.30am	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS			Vigil 8am 9.30am	VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS
		Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS					

#### DISCOVERING GLOBAL MISSION—PALMS AUSTRALIA

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Palms Meet and Greet:  
Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10:30am

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Westfield  
585 High St, PENRITH

<b>AUGUST</b>		
25	Sacramental Program—Presentation of the Lord's Prayer	9.30am
29	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
30	Ministry Formation Night	6.30pm
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
2	St Vincent de Paul	7.00pm
4	Tai Chi	10.30am
4	Sacramental Program Meeting	6.30pm
5	Healing Mass	8.00am
5	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
7	Sacramental Program Meeting (Rpt)	4.30pm
8	Sacramental Program—Eucharist Talk	11.00am

**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@olol7hills.org.au](mailto:secretary@olol7hills.org.au). We look forward to hearing from you!



## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 25 August 2019

<b>Parish Priest:</b>	Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran	<b>Office Hours: Monday-Friday:</b>	9am - 3.00pm
<b>Pastoral Care of the Sick:</b>	Bathista Emmanuel 0405833655	<b>Telephone:</b>	9622 2920
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<b>Catechist Coordinator:</b>	Mr Bob McNally 96241015	<b>Parish School:</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>Parish Church:</b>	7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147	<b>Principal:</b>	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.  
**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES**  
Every Friday after 8am Mass until 9am

**CHURCH OPEN** 8.30am-3pm  
**(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: Isaiah 66:18-21  
2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13  
Gospel: Luke 13:22-30      They will gather all of your people from all nations  
The Lord disciplines those he loves.  
From east and west they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

**READINGS 01/09/2019** 1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:17-20, 28-29  
2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24      Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.  
You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.  
All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**OPENING PRAYER:** O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.  
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:** Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



### Let us Pray for the Sick

Frank Azzopardi, David Barrow, John Bourke, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Maureen Daley, Paul Daniel, Andrew Fedrido, 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 Binianah, Nazju Bonello, Charlie & Josephine Borg, Frances Buttigieg, Celine D'Abreo, Patrick John Fischer, VA Francis, Claude Joachim, Robert Michael Marut, Sr Margaret Mary, Pacita Matutina, Selvi T Meenatchi, Roseline Ratnam, Joy Vella.

**Anniversaries:** Elizabeth and John Alexander, Cini family, Simone Commarmond, Osmundo Custodio, Marie Therese Descombes, Mike Harris, Nguyen Vinh Hien, John Johnson, Jayde Kendal, Edouard Mahomudally, Salvatore & Rosa Mancina, Mangion family, Laurence Morrissey, Albert & Anton Mula, Ersilia Paolini, Raquel Brodie Porpeda, Sofia Ron, Uy Ka Si.

**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	\$ 1997.00
Loose	\$ 694.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2691.00</b>
<b>WEEKLY TARGET:</b>	<b>\$ 3500.00</b>



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 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

#### *Living in a world in crisis*

The Synod Fathers acknowledged with sorrow that "many young people today live in war zones and experience violence in countless different forms: kidnapping, extortion, organized crime, human trafficking, slavery and sexual exploitation, wartime rape, and so forth. Other young people, because of their faith, struggle to find their place in society and endure various kinds of persecution, even murder. Many young people, whether by force or lack of alternatives, live by committing crimes and acts of violence: child soldiers, armed criminal gangs, drug trafficking, terrorism, and so on. This violence destroys many young lives. Abuse and addiction, together with violence and wrongdoing, are some of the reasons that send young people to prison, with a higher incidence in certain ethnic and social groups".

Many young people are taken in by ideologies, used and exploited as cannon fodder or a strike force to destroy, terrify or ridicule others. Worse yet, many of them end up as individualists, hostile and distrustful of others; in this way, they become an easy target for the brutal and destructive strategies of political groups or economic powers.

"Even more numerous in the world are young people who suffer forms of marginalization and social exclusion for religious, ethnic or economic reasons. Let us not forget the difficult situation of adolescents and young people who become pregnant, the scourge of abortion, the spread of HIV, various forms of addiction (drugs, gambling, pornography and so forth), and the plight of street children without homes, families or economic resources". In the case of women, these situations are doubly painful and difficult.

As a Church, may we never fail to weep before these tragedies of our young. May we never become inured to them, for anyone incapable of tears cannot be a mother. We want to weep so that society itself can be more of a mother, so that in place of killing it can learn to give birth, to become a promise of life. We weep when we think of all those young people who have already lost their lives due to poverty and violence, and we ask society to learn to be a caring mother. None of this pain goes away; it stays with us, because the harsh reality can no longer be concealed. The worst thing we can do is adopt that worldly spirit whose solution is simply to anaesthetize young people with other messages, with other distractions, with trivial pursuits.

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

### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Two years ago, the family of a friend of mine decided to move to Germany after their son was accepted to join a soccer club over there. In order to help the boy to follow his soccer dream, they had a lot to sacrifice: their rather successful professions, the family business, the other half of the family including two children, and an army of good friends, including me, of course!

Due to a family funeral recently, they had to return for the occasion and stayed in the country for a short time. Knowing they have been staunch Catholics, who would never miss Sunday Mass here and continue to do likewise over there, I asked the husband over a morning tea one day about the German Church with the expectation to hear a positive story. 'It's dying! It's not as good as ours,' he seemingly dropped this bombshell when pressed about Weekend Masses at the church his family has chosen to attend.

He used the term 'ours' in connection with a few parishes in Parramatta his family had associated with, including a



particular one, whose name I won't single out in this letter for the sake of Christian humility! Despite my effort to save its face by throwing the most popular German Church men and theologians, and the ten per cent income tax on people system to support German Churches, he remained determined, 'none of those could do it any good at the moment.'

Well, I couldn't help recall this story, while reading the Gospel this Sunday, in which Jesus warned his followers about the possibility not to be given access to enter the house of the divine Master, when they knock on his door and plead with him to open it at the end time. Instead, they will be eternally disappointed to hear the answer from inside, 'I don't know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men.' I just wonder what is going to happen in our European Churches, especially those who have contributed so much to enrich the Catholic Church, and whether they would survive such a testing process of the Master. So, let's hope that God's mercy will help prevent that to happen.

In the meantime, let us give praise and thanks to Jesus for the honour to share his flesh and blood every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. Let's pray that we may be able to appreciate such a huge honour given to us gratuitously, and that it would help deepen our relationship with the Lord, strengthen our love for him and others, and secure us a place in his heavenly house.

Have a faith-filled week.  
Fr. Henry

### PARISH NEWS...



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** This weekend we welcome the children from our parish who will celebrate their First Holy Communion in a few weeks for the Presentation of the Lord's Prayer. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they journey towards the Table of the Lord.

### FATHER'S DAY APPEAL, WEEKEND 31 AUGUST – 1 SEPTEMBER

The Bishop's Annual Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests: There will be a special collection for the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese – on Father's Day. Your donation helps them cover healthcare costs and expenses associated with everyday living, supplementing the pension that some receive. Please give generously this Father's Day Appeal. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Donations can be made here: [parracatholic.org/csf](http://parracatholic.org/csf)



### 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, children's Liturgy ministers, 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.

### MEN'S GROUP MEETING

Please note that this month's meeting scheduled for **31st August** is cancelled.

**LEGION OF MARY MEETING** The next meeting will be **Thursday 26th September**.

**NO - TAI CHI & QiGONG** **Wed. 28th August.**  
Will return Wednesday 4th September

### DIOCESAN NEWS

#### 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](mailto:parishoffice@olqp.org.au).

#### 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](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports)

#### 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](mailto:cypcentraldeanery@gmail.com)



#### 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](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)) or call (02) 8306 3499. Order the Statement online at: [bit.ly/socialjusticeshop](http://bit.ly/socialjusticeshop). Facebook : @socialjusticeACBC Twitter: @JusticeCatholic.

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