

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."

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 1 September 2019

31 August/1 September

Acolytes Vigil 8am Ernie Gartner
9.30am Eugene Miu
Noel Emmanuel

Ministers Vigil Anna Bellissimo
Laura Bellissimo
David Christian
Mariane Descombes

8.00am James Dinning
Anne McNally
9.30am Maria Michael
Ramzee Michael

Readers Vigil VOLUNTEER, Noreen Rosario
8.00am Benno Motha, Bob McNally
9.30am Megan Michael, Erika Hien

Altar Servers Vigil Genevieve Estil, Madisen Estil, Erika Niang, Jaylen Niang, Riley Niang
8.00am Chrisha Gonzales, Ethan Neish, Jayda-Leigh Neish
9.30am Chloe Attard, Sofia Cilili, Diya Dsouza, Carl Gallema, Marc Gallema

Musicians Vigil 8am Youth for Christ
9.30am VOLUNTEER
Christine Clarke

Children's Rosary Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only
11 Falzon Family
August 2 Wallpark Avenue, Seven Hills

Flowers 1 Sept Fenty & Mimi

Bookshop Vigil 8am VOLUNTEER
9.30am Laura
Edmund

Morning Tea 9.30am Florida Datuin

Church Cleaning 4 Sept Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spitieri, Suzy Nemorin
Welcomers Vigil Annette Peatman
8am VOLUNTEERS
9.30am VOLUNTEERS

7/8 September

Acolytes Vigil 8am Derick Soares
9.30am Lawrence Falzon
Ian Epondulan

Ministers Vigil Louise La Guidara
Rosey Soares

8.00am Fennie Baltbat
Lorraine Fernandes
Louis Fernandes
Winnie Marcello
Suzy Nemorin

9.30am Ryan Epondulan
Artelle Lenthall

Readers Vigil Marinela Simic, Perpetual Fernandes
8.00am Andrew Millar, Kathy Walker
9.30am Anna Lopeti, Maricel Santos

Altar Servers Vigil Noah Ebb, Alex La Guidara, Cassandra Laus, Lucas Laus, Majerin Pieris
8.00am Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park
9.30am Eric Da, Victor Da, Larissa Leary, Sarah Lenthall

Musicians Vigil 8am Magnificat
9.30am Lolesio Choir
Tongan Group

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11 August Milicevic Family
10 Grantham Road, Seven Hills

Flowers 8 Sept Lucinda & Orindo
Vigil 8am Marinela
9.30am Edith
Fenty Saputra

Bookshop 9.30am Malayalee Community

Church Cleaning 12 Sept Elodia, Elizabeth Mead
Welcomers Vigil Judith Deloso, Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEER
8am Joyce Hillbrick, VOLUNTEERS
9.30am Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS

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Parish School: Our Lady of Lourdes
Principal: Ms Keiran Byrnes
Parish Church: 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147

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. **5th September 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 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 This Sunday 1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:17-20, 28-29
2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
Gospel: Luke 4:1, 7-14

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.

READINGS 08/09/2019 1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18
2nd Reading: St Paul 9-10, 12-17
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Who can comprehend the will of the Lord?
Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.
All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.*

OPENING PRAYER: God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured.
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, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.*

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

SEPTEMBER		
1	Father's Day	
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
6	Exposition, Divine Mercy & Mass	7:00pm
7	Sacramental Program Meeting (Rpt)	4.30pm
8	Sacramental Program—Eucharist Talk	11.00am
15	First Holy Communion Mass - Group 1	11.30am

MORNING TEA REMINDER: Please ensure that the urn is unplugged and switched off and also that the bathroom lights are also switched off before leaving.



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 enormous generosity to donate two established evergreen magnolias to our parish and ten bags of cane sugar mulch. The two magnolias will have more than just decorative values, since their foliage shall be very useful to our Flower Arrangement team.
May the Lord bless Mark and what he has been doing for a living.

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

Thong Nguyen, Frank Azzopardi, David Barrow, John Bourke, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Maureen 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: Johnny Binihan, Charlie & Josephine Borg, Frances Buttigeig, Celine D'Abreo, Patrick John Fischer, VA Francis, Claude Joachim, Pacita Matutina, Roseline Ratnam, Estrella Solis.

Anniversaries: Mile Perak, Elizabeth and John Alexander, John Azzopardi, Cini family, Simone Commarmond, Marie Therese Descombes, Joan Falzon, Bill Falzon, M A Fernando, Leandros S Garcia Snr, Mike Harris, John Johnson, Jayde Kendal, Salvatore & Rosa Loria, Edouard Mahomodally, Salvatore & Rosa Mancina, Mangion family, Sr Margaret Mary, Selvi T Meenatchi, Laurence Morrissey, Anton Mula, Albert Mula, Ersilia Paolini, Raquel Brodie Porpeda, Sofia Ron, Uy Ka Si, Caroline Susainathan.

Remembrance: Jose Sanchez, Albert Randall, Felino Ladiana, Abet Amurao, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Paul, Simone, Cyril, Pacifica Miranda & Federico de Los Santos, Falzon Family, Sharon & John Lawrence, Apolinario & Felina Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Anton & Lourda Motha, Louis & Stephen Mula, Felix & Andriana Muscat, Josephine, Charles & Mary Muscat, Lakshman Perera, Doroto & Marcelina Rasalan, Narciso Rodriguez, Monica Ryan, Amalia & Dominga M Usman, Natalie & Joseph Vella.

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.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$ 1757.00
Loose \$ 759.00
TOTAL \$ 2516.00
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 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;

FROM POPE FRANCIS

Living in a world in crisis

Perhaps "those of us who have a reasonably comfortable life don't know how to weep. Some realities in life are only seen with eyes cleansed by tears. I would like each of you to ask yourself this question: Can I weep? Can I weep when I see a child who is starving, on drugs or on the street, homeless, abandoned, mistreated or exploited as a slave by society? Or is my weeping only the self-centred whining of those who cry because they want something else?" Try to learn to weep for all those young people less fortunate than yourselves. Weeping is also an expression of mercy and compassion. If tears do not come, ask the Lord to give you the grace to weep for the sufferings of others. Once you can weep, then you will be able to help others from the heart.

At times, the hurt felt by some young people is heart-rending, a pain too deep for words. They can only tell God how much they are suffering, and how hard it is for them to keep going, since they no longer believe in anyone. Yet in that sorrowful plea, the words of Jesus make themselves heard: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Mt 5:4). Some young men and women were able to move forward because they heard that divine promise. May all young people who are suffering feel the closeness of a Christian community that can reflect those words by its actions, its embrace and its concrete help.

It is true that people in power offer some assistance, but often it comes at a high price. In many poor countries, economic aid provided by some richer countries or international agencies is usually tied to the acceptance of Western views of sexuality, marriage, life or social justice. This ideological colonization is especially harmful to the young. We also see how a certain kind of advertising teaches young people to be perpetually dissatisfied and contributes to the throwaway culture, in which young people themselves end up being discarded.

Our present-day culture exploits the image of the young. Beauty is associated with a youthful appearance, cosmetic treatments that hide the traces of time. Young bodies are constantly advertised as a means of selling products. The ideal of beauty is youth, but we need to realize that this has very little to do with young people. It only means that adults want to snatch youth for themselves, not that they respect, love and care for young people.

Some young people "find family traditions oppressive and they flee from them under the impulse of a globalized culture that at times leaves them without points of reference. In other parts of the world, even more than generational conflict between young people and adults, there is mutual estrangement. Sometimes adults fail, or do not even try, to hand on the basic values of life, or they try to imitate young people, thus inverting the relationship between generations. The relationship between young people and adults thus risks remaining on the affective level, leaving its educational and cultural aspects untouched". What harm this does to young people, even though some do not notice it! Young people themselves have remarked how enormously difficult this makes the transmission of the faith "in some countries without freedom of speech, where young people are prevented from attending Church".

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

FROM FR. HENRY DUC

At the wake of my Dad's funeral more than ten years ago, one of my brothers brought to my attention about a stranger sitting at the table reserved for our special guests, and I was tasked with the hard job to talk to the man. After double checking with my family members to make sure



he wasn't a friend of any of ours, I put on a pastoral look to approach him with no intention other than asking him to move to another table. He was a bit frightened at first for thinking that he was about to be thrown out of the gathering, however, as I gently told him that he was most welcomed to join us, and that the table he was sitting had been reserved for senior members of my family, he was more than happy to stand up and move to another table.

I can't help recall such an encounter, as I read the Gospel this Sunday, particularly the part of the story warning people not to choose the best seat for themselves at social gatherings with the intention to show off. They might be very disappointed, because the seat might be allocated for someone else more important.

Through this striking story, Jesus means to encourage us his followers not to exalt ourselves, but always remain humble. He doesn't simply teach it, he literally showed us how to live it, especially by bending himself to wash the disciple's feet at the Last Supper.

A side point, no less important, could be found at the second part of the narrative, which challenges us to go against our natural habit. Naturally we tend to invite just people in our circle of family or friends to a party, here Jesus inspires us to go beyond that habitual boundary. He wants us to think of the under privileged, such as the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind and include them in our guest list. In return for that, we shall be repaid not here and now, but later on in the world to come, with an everlasting and incorruptible reward of eternal life.

Let us pray today for the grace to keep all Church members, especially our leaders always straight on the path of humility, and also for the commitment to care more for the welfare of the needy worldwide.

Have a humility awareness week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

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 online can be made csfparra.org.

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 Mon to Fri.

THANK YOU : Dorothy Makasa from Catholic Mission has expressed how much she enjoyed being part of our parish last weekend. Sincere thanks for the wonderful response from all parishioners who supported this year's Catholic Mission Parish Appeal. Total amount raised: \$3445.35

SINGING VOICES: A call for all singers from the parish to join the First Holy Communion Mass choirs 11.30am 15th and 22nd September. Please contact Christine Clarke 0488 113 920

PARISH MINISTERS FORMATION NIGHT THANK YOU

On behalf of the parish I would like to thank Robert Barden for helping to enrich our parish ministers with the teaching of Vatican II Council in liturgy, and Judy and other volunteers for helping to organize the meal and the setting up, and also all our parish ministers for supporting the occasion with their participation.



LIVING OUT LAUDATO SI : With Climate Change a reality, 'Laudato Si: On Care For Our Common Home' is the text for how love for Jesus of the Gospel reveals itself through our care for all Creation with a beautiful sensitivity towards the natural world and compassion towards humanity.

On Earth God works through nature so that environmental action transforms our spirituality. We are called to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

We all need to know how so, come, share your sense of wonder for the beauty and complexities of Earth and the will to take care of her, beginning with morning tea, 9.00am, Tuesday 17th September.

LOLO Parish Meeting Room, 7 Grantham Road, Seven Hills.

Enquiries: 0429 595 231 Brother Frank Richardson.

TIMOR-LESTE prayer request: Some of you might have seen the ABC Four Corners, 26th August, on Timor-Leste and the Australian men who are on trial for alerting the government of Timor-Leste that Australia spied on the oil and gas negotiations.

Sr Susan Connelly RSJ has requested we pray for these men and keep them in our thoughts during this difficult time they are facing.

**God of life and love,
Your Son taught us to seek the reign of
righteousness in all that we do.
We place our concerns before you.
We pray especially for those who are on trial because
of their work of justice for East Timor.
May integrity and truth govern the words and actions
of all involved.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



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

DIOCESAN NEWS

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 : INFORMATION & TRAINING SESSIONS

We have now entered the second phase of Plenary 2020, known as the Listening & Discernment phase. Working with the newly released National Themes for Discernment, there is now an opportunity for focused feedback to assist the development of the agenda for the Plenary Council in 2020. As such, the Pastoral Planning Office is delighted to be offering Plenary 2020 Information and Training Sessions to assist groups with participating in this second phase of the Plenary process. These sessions will also explain how our Diocese is seeking to "Go out into the Deep", with Bishop Vincent Long inviting us to develop local and diocesan initiatives through engaging with the plenary process. Saturday, 7 September 9.00am – 12.00pm St Thomas Aquinas School Hall Springwood (168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood) Light refreshments will be offered at each of these sessions. Please RSVP Tanya at tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org Phone: 02 8838 3460

Vinnies Winter Appeal - On behalf of the people we assist we thank all those who generously donated to the appeal this year. Among those you helped is a young mother who has found part-time work and a contribution has been made towards child care for her 2 year old son. We are also helping a family where the 32 year old mother of four school age children is suffering from an inoperable brain tumour. Please keep the family in your prayers. The appeal raised \$1865. Thank you again.