

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."

		14/15 September	
Acolytes	Vigil	John Jordan	
	8am	Eugene Miu	
	9.30am	Ramzee Michael	
Ministers	Vigil	Charmain Jansz	
		Louise La Guidara	
	8.00am	James Dinning	
		Benno Motha	
	9.30am	Mercy Aquino	
		Barbara Chandler	
		Noel Emmanuel	
		Artelle Lenthall	
		Anna Lopeti	
		Nancy Sharmi	
Readers	Vigil	Jemma Sarmiento, Noreen Rosario	
	8.00am	Priya Joachim, Karen Eleazar	
	9.30am	Kamela Huihui, Laura Bellissimo	
Altar Servers	Vigil	Juan Burgess, Benjamin Clerk, Yxaak Dino, Jesseline Franco, Alex La Guidara	
	8.00am	Jayden Cortis, Chrisha Gonzales	
	9.30am	Ashley-Louise Tenn, Daniel Tenn, Samuel Thoms, Florencia Wanandy, Gabrielle Wanandy	
Musicians	Vigil	Deanne	
	8am	Couple for Christ	
	9.30am	Folk Group	
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only	
	15 Sept	Menezes Family	
		39 Winnipeg Street, Seven Hills	
Flowers	15 Sept	Fennie & Angela	
	Vigil	Mariane Christian	
	8am	Shelia	
Bookshop	9.30am	VOLUNTEER	
	9.30am	John O'Brien	
Morning Tea	21 Sept	Andrew Fedrigo, Ramzee Michael	
	Vigil	VOLUNTEERS	
Church Cleaning	8am	Olivia Cortis, Rita Paolini, Annette Peatman	
	9.30am	Kathy Chamberlain, VOLUNTEERS	

		21/22 September	
Acolytes	Vigil	Ernie Gartner	
	8am	Gerard Marcello	
	9.30am	Lawrence Falzon	
Ministers	Vigil	Edith Gartner	
		Cathy Hutchings	
	8.00am	Winnie Marcello	
		Anne McNally	
	9.30am	Mariane Descombes	
		SUB REQ	
Readers	Vigil	Stefanie Menezes, Crystal Menezes	
	8.00am	Bob McNally, Pepito Ferriols	
	9.30am	Megan Michael, Rob Simpson	
Altar Servers	Vigil	Alexander Bateman-Paul, Thomas Osborne, Zachary Osborne, Jayden Ramukwella, Dominic Sant	
	8.00am	Amelia Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg, Karuniya Maruthanayagam	
	9.30am	Chloe Attard, Mary-Rose Mejalli, Ryan Michael, Alexandra Simpson, Mikayla Simpson	
Musicians	Vigil	Perry's Angels	
	8am	Perry's Angels	
	9.30am	Maria Balatbat	
Children's Rosary	Liturgy	2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only	
	11 August	Soares Family	
		33 Pretoria Road, Seven Hills	
Flowers	22 Sept	Priya, Mary B & Annette	
	Vigil	Greg	
Bookshop	8am	Edith	
	9.30am	Carole	
Morning Tea	9.30am	Couples for Christ	
	25 Sept	Sue Abela, Felicity Gravina, Joyce Muscat	
Church Cleaning	Vigil	Mary Bonnici, Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEER	
	8am	VOLUNTEERS	
Welcomers	9.30am	Maria Michael, Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEER	

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 15 September 2019

Parish Priest:	Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran	Office Hours: Monday-Friday:	9am - 3.00pm
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Sacrament Co-Ordinator:	Mrs Judy Barden	Principal:	Ms Keiran Byrnes
Catechist Coordinator:	Mr Bob McNally 96241015	Parish Church:	7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147

WEEKEND MASS	Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 8am & 9.30am	HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK	1st Thursday of the month at 8am. 3rd October 2019
WEEKDAY MASS	Tues - Friday 8am	BAPTISMAL PREPARATION	18 September 2019 at 7:30pm
PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE	Monday & Saturday 8am	YOUTH MASS	1st Sunday of the month at 9.30am.
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 This Sunday	1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Gospel: Luke 15:1-32	The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened. Christ came to save sinners. There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.
READINGS 22/09/2019	1st Reading: the prophet Amos 8:4-7 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Gospel: Luke 16:1-13	The Lord spoke against those who buy the poor for money. Let prayers be offered to God for everyone: he wants all people to be saved. You cannot be slaves both of God and of Money.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.*

OPENING PRAYER: Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
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: *I will rise and go to my father.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadows of your wings.*

SEPTEMBER		
15	First Holy Communion Mass - Group A	11.30am
17	Living out Laudato Si	9:00am
18	Practice Group B - 1st Holy Communion	6:30pm
18	Baptismal Preparation	7:30pm
19	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am
22	First Holy Communion Mass —Group B	11:30am
26	Legion of Mary	1.30

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

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

Leonila Ahillon, Lekisha Grace Panlilio, Rommel Panlilio, Frank Azzopardi, David Barrow, John Bourke, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Maureen Daley, Paul Daniel. Andrew Fedrigo, Letitia Haines, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, Maria V, 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: Jacintha Coelho, Shanti Fernando, VA Francis, Claude Joachim, Gordon McLandsborough, Roseline Ratnam, Dr Fernando Serra Jnr, Estrella Solis.

Anniversaries: Mary Zammit, Josephine Borg, Antonio Marra, John Azzopardi, Lourdes F de Venecia, Loui, Vivian, Susan & Lesley Ferandes, Lazaro C Fernandez, M A Fernando, Leandro F Garcia Snr, Julia Hernandez, Salvatore & Rosa Loria, Sr Margaret Mary, Selvi T Meenatchi, Anton and Albert Mula, Mile Perak, Marlyn Pestano, Herman N Saputra, Caroline Susainathan.

Remembrance: Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Albert Randall, Paul, Simone, Cyril, Falzon Family, Emmanuel and Elizabeth Falzon, Nevis Fernando, Charlie Galea, Sharon & John Lawrence, Apolinario & Felina Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Anton & Lourda Motha, Louis & Stephen Mula, Felix & Andriana Muscat, Josephine, Charles, Mary & Muscat Family, Lakshman Perera, Monica Ryan, Jose Sanchez, 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. 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 \$ 1756.00
Loose \$ 850.00
TOTAL \$ 2606.00
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;
Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.

FROM POPE FRANCIS

The digital environment

"The digital environment is characteristic of the contemporary world. Broad swathes of humanity are immersed in it in an ordinary and continuous manner. It is no longer merely a question of 'using' instruments of communication, but of living in a highly digitalized culture that has had a profound impact on ideas of time and space, on our self-understanding, our understanding of others and the world, and our ability to communicate, learn, be informed and enter into relationship with others. An approach to reality that privileges images over listening and reading has influenced the way people learn and the development of their critical sense".

The web and social networks have created a new way to communicate and bond. They are "a public square where the young spend much of their time and meet one another easily, even though not all have equal access to it, particularly in some regions of the world. They provide an extraordinary opportunity for dialogue, encounter and exchange between persons, as well as access to information and knowledge. Moreover, the digital world is one of social and political engagement and active citizenship, and it can facilitate the circulation of independent information providing effective protection for the most vulnerable and publicizing violations of their rights. In many countries, the internet and social networks already represent a firmly established forum for reaching and involving young people, not least in pastoral initiatives and activities".

Yet to understand this phenomenon as a whole, we need to realize that, like every human reality, it has its share of limitations and deficiencies. It is not healthy to confuse communication with mere virtual contact. Indeed, "the digital environment is also one of loneliness, manipulation, exploitation and violence, even to the extreme case of the 'dark web'. Digital media can expose people to the risk of addiction, isolation and gradual loss of contact with concrete reality, blocking the development of authentic interpersonal relationships. New forms of violence are spreading through social media, for example cyberbullying. The internet is also a channel for spreading pornography and the exploitation of persons for sexual purposes or through gambling".

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



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

One of the gifts I got for my ordination 'a few years ago' was a Parker pen, which I often brought out for couples to sign the register at Wedding occasions, and many couples used that humble pen to sign their documents in the last 24 years.

However, during a trip down to our local Shopping Centre recently, I brought it along to sign a document at the Post Office. When the job was done, I rushed into our Woolies to do some shopping, and hurried to get home for an appointment.

Just a few minutes after I left the supermarket, I realised that my good old friend Parker wasn't with me anymore. I double-checked my pockets and shopping bags, but it was nowhere to be seen.

I hurried back to ask the staff guarding the self-checkout point whether she saw a lost pen somewhere. As she shook her head no, I felt quite depressed. It was quite absurd. Though the pen wasn't anything valuable, the sentimental value attached to it obviously was substantial.

In the context of loss, Jesus uses the three narratives of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and the Prodigal Son to talk about God's boundless love and forgiveness given to us. Through these highly symbolic images, Jesus means to assure us that



no matter how we might wander away from God like the lost sheep, or the coin or the younger son, God is always kind and patient to look for us with determination and willingness to bring us back for a happy re-union with him.

It is worth to note that these Gospel stories are preferred texts for church celebrations of Reconciliation, since they directly deal with Christian virtues, such as love and forgiveness, central to the sacrament of Reconciliation. In a way, this Gospel reminds us our need to treasure the beauty of such a forgiving sacrament and allow ourselves to be re-united with God through it both when we recite the I Confess at Mass, and when we go for confessions.

Let us pray today for ourselves, especially for the first group of children, who celebrate their First Holy Communion, for a deeper realisation of God's love given to us, and also for a better appreciation of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Have a forgiveness-oriented week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all our children making their First Holy Communion this week. May the Lord of the Eucharist always fill their hearts with his joy and peace, and may their parents remain their teachers of faith at home.

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.

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.

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

Enquiries: 0429 595 231 Brother Frank Richardson.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL meeting Cancelled on Monday

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Members of our Parish Pastoral Council met last Wednesday to discuss our Parish Pastoral Plan, based on the feedback from our parishioners submitted to the Plenary Council 2020 last year. Our plan is built upon the three theological virtues namely: Faith, hope and love, which also fit well with our National themes for discernment, such as: prayerful, Eucharistic, conversion, renewal, reform, inclusive, participatory, synodal, joyful, hope-filled, servant community,, humble, healing, merciful, missionary and evangelising.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

A seminar-retreat offered by Couples for Christ to renew our understanding of God's call to us as Christian individuals and couples.

ORIENTATION DAY - 22nd of September 2019 (Sunday) - OLOL Main Hall / TIME: 3 - 6 PM
Child minding available and a light meal at the end.



TAI CHI & QIGONG for health and well being

Every Wednesday at 10:30-11.30am in the Parish Meeting Room. Cost:\$10.



Aid to the Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA

On the 18th of October Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is inviting children worldwide to take part in the campaign "One

Million Children Praying the Rosary." For more information and for prayer resources visit, www.millionkidspraying.org

DIOCESAN NEWS

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY OF FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY?

During Include A Charity Week, we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider leaving a Gift in your Will to our Parish, or a ministry in Parramatta Diocese. Legacy gifts advance Christian works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. For information on remembering the Church in your Will: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills

CatholicCare Blacktown Neighbourhood Aid Volunteers Needed

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to support our senior clients in the Blacktown area to remain living independently in their own home. If you feel you would like to make a positive difference to other's lives in this way, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or email deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au

ACBC Social Justice Statement 2019/20

The Australian Catholic Bishop Conference has launched its 2019/20 Social Justice Statement: 'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world,' ahead of Social Justice Sunday on 29 September. The Statement shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. Order the Statement online at bit.ly/socialjusticeshop. For further details about the Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 27 October

All married couples and their families are warmly invited to the Diocese of Parramatta's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass and Lunch on Sunday 27 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. A light lunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow. Please register your names and numbers of years married, and the numbers attending the lunch by contacting the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 02 8838 3460 or email lmf@parracatholic.org.

Lifeline Annual Giant Book Fair at Oakhill College, Castle Hill.

Friday 11 October, Saturday 12 October and Sunday 13 October from 9am to 5pm each day. The sale will include over 60,000 second hand books including quality novels, literature, history, study aids and many other categories, all at very attractive prices.

Donations of books welcome. For details: 9498 8805, www.lifelineh2h.org.au.

