

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."

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 22 September 2019

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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

PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE Monday & Saturday 8am

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

HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF SICK 1st Thursday of the month at 8am. 3rd October 2019

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION 20 November 2019 at 7:30pm

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

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: the prophet Amos 8:4-7 The Lord spoke against those who buy the poor for money.
 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Let prayers be offered to God for everyone: he wants all people to be saved.
 Gospel: Luke 16:1-13 You cannot be slaves both of God and of money

READINGS 29/09/2019
 1st Reading: the prophet Amos 6:1,4-7 You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.
 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.
 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *I am the salvation of the people, say the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.*

OPENING PRAYER: O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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: *Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes..*

21/22 September

Acolytes Vigil 8am Ernie Gartner
 9.30am Gerard Marcello
 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, Rynan
 Michael, Alexandra Simpson, Mikayla
 Simpson

Musicians Vigil 8am Perry's Angels
 9.30am Perry's Angels
 Maria Balatbat

Children's Rosary Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only
 22 Sept Soares Family
 33 Pretoria Road, Seven Hills

Flowers 22 Sept Priya, Mary B & Annette

Bookshop Vigil 8am Greg
 9.30am Edith
 Carole

Morning Tea Church Cleaning 9.30am Couples for Christ
 25 Sept Sue Abela, Felicity Gravina, Joyce Muscat

Welcomers Vigil 8am Mary Bonnici, Ram Ugre, VOLUNTEER
 9.30am Maria Michael, Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEER

28/29 September

Acolytes Vigil 8am Abel Do Rosario
 9.30am Louis Fernades
 Ramzee Michael

Ministers Vigil Anna Bellissimo
 Helen Gonzales

8.00am SUB REQ
 Lorrain Fernandes

9.30am Paul Gow
 Dawn Manamperi

Readers Vigil Laura Bellissimo, Alison Punch
 8.00am Karen Eleazar, SUB REQ
 9.30am Adrian Walker, Kamela Huihui

Altar Servers Vigil Alexa Bagatella, Christian Milicevic,
 Arynay Roy, SUB REQ
 8.00am Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park
 9.30am Sarah Lenthall, Rachel Lobo, Crystal
 Miretta, Umesh Samara-Sekera, Jerard
 Sarmiento

Musicians Vigil 8am Maria Balatbat
 9.30am Perry's Angels
 Fr Henry

Children's Rosary Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only
 29 Sept Menezes Family
 75 Grantham Road, Seven Hills

Flowers 29 Sept Fennie & Angela

Bookshop Vigil 8am VOLUNTEERS
 9.30am VOLUNTEERS
 VOLUNTEERS

Morning Tea 9.30am Imelda

Church Cleaning 2 Oct Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spiteri, Suzy
 Nemorin

Welcomers Vigil 8am VOLUNTEERS
 9.30am VOLUNTEERS

SEPTEMBER		
22	First Holy Communion Mass —Group B	11:30am
23	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
25	Tai Chi—QiGong	10:30am
26	Over 50's Club Outing	
26	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am
26	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
29	Christian Life Program	
30	First day of the School Holidays (2wks)	

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.

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, 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, Lekisha Grace & Rommel Panillio, 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 Cini, Joe Mangion, Josephine Borg, Joseph Comenzuli, Lourdes F de Venecia, Loui, Vivian, Susan & Lesley Fernandes, Lazaro C Fernandez, Leandro F Garcia Snr, Julia Hernandez, Antonoi Marra, Anne Menezes, Anton & Bertu Mula, Ersilia Paolini, Mile Perak, Marlyn Pestano, Herman N Saputra, Caroline Susainathan, Mary Zammit..

Remembrance: Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Albert Randall, Paul, Simone, Cyril, 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, 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 \$ 1909.00
Loose \$ 1124.00
TOTAL \$ 3033.00
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 (continued)

"It should not be forgotten that "there are huge economic interests operating in the digital world, capable of exercising forms of control as subtle as they are invasive, creating mechanisms for the manipulation of consciences and of the democratic process. The way many platforms work often ends up favouring encounter between persons who think alike, shielding them from debate. These closed circuits facilitate the spread of fake news and false information, fomenting prejudice and hate. The proliferation of fake news is the expression of a culture that has lost its sense of truth and bends the facts to suit particular interests. The reputation of individuals is put in jeopardy through summary trials conducted online. The Church and her pastors are not exempt from this phenomenon".

A document prepared on the eve of the Synod by three hundred young people worldwide pointed out that "online relationships can become inhuman. Digital spaces blind us to the vulnerability of another human being and prevent us from our own self-reflection. Problems like pornography distort a young person's perception of human sexuality. Technology used in this way creates a delusional parallel reality that ignores human dignity". For many people, immersion in the virtual world has brought about a kind of "digital migration", involving withdrawal from their families and their cultural and religious values, and entrance into a world of loneliness and of self-invention, with the result that they feel rootless even while remaining physically in one place. The fresh and exuberant lives of young people who want to affirm their personality today confront a new challenge: that of interacting with a real and virtual world that they enter alone, as if setting foot on an undiscovered global continent. Young people today are the first to have to effect this synthesis between what is personal, what is distinctive to their respective cultures, and what is global. This means that they must find ways to pass from virtual contact to good and healthy communication."

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



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

There was a couple, known to me, who were going to a car dealer to buy a new car, not any ordinary, but rather a classy one, as a self-given gift for their hard and successful works. On the way to Church Street in Parramatta after their Sunday Morning Mass, the husband happened to tell the wife about a phone call from a overseas-based missionary sharing with him a humanitarian project he was about to start. They began talking about it, about its size, cost and benefits, and eventually the wife took an interest in it. She then persuaded her husband to abandon the new car, and he agreed to do so. They returned home that Sunday still in their old car, but were much happier with the decision they made to bring joy to lot of people in another part of the world, which was to forward a big amount of money preserved for a new car to that community project overseas, something better and long lasting.

I can't help recall this couple, whom I have privileged to know and their incredible act of generosity, which, perhaps, provides a good platform for us to reflect upon the Gospel this Sunday, in which Jesus borrows the imagery of a steward prepared to take risk by cooking the accounting book for his master's customers with the hope that they will be grateful to him for his kindness and make him welcomed when he is out of job. Through this story, Jesus obviously encourages us to approach money with the same attitude, which is to turn it into means to bring tangible benefits to the needy, to improve their lives and alleviate their burdens, means that will inevitably give



us imperishable credits in the world to come, the world we all long to go to after this. Jesus was very much aware of the seducing power of money in our real world, and challenged us to choose him instead of money, since we 'cannot be slave both of God and money' at the same time. We can't buy God with money, but we can use money to facilitate works pleasing to God, works that will help us to be welcomed into our heavenly home, when we are called to leave this temporary place. Let us pray for a better detachment from money and wealth, and an openness of heart to embrace Jesus' message in the Gospel today by turning the money we have on earth into riches in heaven. Have a God-focused 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.



OVER 50'S CLUB OUTING: Public transport outing Thursday 26th September. Please meet at Seven hills Station for the 9.28am train for the City.

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS 2018 – 2019

PLEASE TICK THE BOX NEXT TO YOUR NAME ON THE SHEETS AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH IF YOU REQUIRE A RECEIPT. Your receipt will be available next week at the back of the church.



TAI CHI & QIGONG for health and well being Wednesday 25th at 10:30-11.30am in the Parish Meeting Room. Cost:\$10. there will be NO TAI CHI during the school holidays, will resume 16th Oct

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.



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

Four2Eight

Junior Youth Group for kids from year 4 – year 8
Get together with friends from the parish for an hour of faith formation and Fun!!
First Sunday of every month,
After the 9:30am Youth Mass.(10:45-12pm)
In the Parish Meeting room



St VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING
Monday 23rd September at 7pm in the Parish meeting room.

DIOCESAN NEWS

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.



Ten FREE afternoon seminars on various legal issues have been arranged by Toongabbie legal centre (TLC) starting on 28th September 2019 until 14 December 2019. For seminar details and registration, visit Toongabbie Legal Centre's website: www.tlc.asn.au.



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.

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.