

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."*

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 29 September 2019

**Parish Priest:** Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran  
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**Parish Website:** www.olol7hills.org.au  
**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 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

**READINGS 06/10/2019**  
 1st Reading: Prophet Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 The just will live by faithfulness.  
 2nd Reading: St Paul to Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.  
 Gospel: Luke 17:5-9 If you had faith!

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.*

**OPENING PRAYER:** O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.  
 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, my soul!*

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.*

**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 Fr Henry Perry's Angels

**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

**Morning Tea** 9.30am Imelda

**Church Cleaning** 2 Oct Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spitieri, Suzy Nemorin

**Welcomers** Vigil 8am VOLUNTEERS  
 9.30am VOLUNTEERS

**05/06 October**

**Acolytes** Vigil 8am Ernie Gartner  
 9.30am Terry Jordan  
 Noel Emmanuel

**Ministers** Vigil Divid Christian  
 Mariane Descombes  
 Lawrence Falzon  
 Christine Menezes  
 Stefanie Menezes  
 Marinela Simic

8.00am Helen Gonzales  
 Bob McNally

9.30am Maria Michael  
 Ramzee Michael

**Readers** Vigil Benno Motha, Jemma Sarmiento

8.00am Kathy Walker, Andrew Millar

9.30am Megan Michael, Jeanine Nonato  
 Saoirse Costello, Sebastian Costello,  
 Yxaak Dino, Jesseline Franco, Majerin Pieris

**Altar Servers** Vigil 8.00am Chrisha Gonzales, Karuniya  
 Maruthanayagam, VOLUNTEER

9.30am Sofia Culili, Diya Dsouza Carl Gallema,  
 Marc Gallema, Rynan Michael

**Musicians** Vigil 8am Youth for Christ  
 9.30am Grace Notes  
 Christine Clarke

**Children's Rosary** Liturgy 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month Only  
 6 October Stambouliah Family  
 16 Oakwood Rd Toongabbie

**Flowers** 6 October Fenty & Mimi

**Bookshop** Vigil 8am VOLUNTEERS  
 9.30am Edmund

**Morning Tea** 9.30am Tongan Choir


**Church Cleaning** 10 Oct Elodia Colussi, Elizabeth Mead

**Welcomers** Vigil 8am Judith Deloso, VOLUNTEERS  
 9.30am VOLUNTEERS  
 Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEERS

SEPTEMBER		
30	First day of the School Holidays (2wks)	
30	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7pm
OCTOBER		
3	Healing Mass	8am
3	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am
3	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
4	Exposition, Divine Mercy and Mass	7:00pm
6	Four2Eight Jr. Youth Group	10.45am
10	Christ Community Prayer group	9am
10	Over 50's meeting	10.30am
10	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
13	First Holy Communion Certificate Presentation Mass	9.30am

## 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



**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!

**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: Jovy Blando, Jacintha Coelho, Shanti Fernando, VA Francis, Claude Joachim, Gordon McLandsborough, Roseline Ratnam, Dr Fernando Serra Jnr, Estrella Solis, Annette Vilo, Adriano Zunatta.

Anniversaries: Adoracion Davis, Josephine Borg, Mary Cini, Joseph Comenzuli, Mary Zammit, Lourdes F de Venecia, Loui, Vivian, Susan & Lesley Ferandes, Lazaro C Fernandez, Leandro F Garcia Snr, Julia Hernandez, Joe Mangion, Antonoi Marra, Anne Menezes, Anton and Bertu Mula, Ersilia Paolini, Mile Perak, Marlyn Pestano, John Portelli, Herman N Saputra, Caroline Susainathan, Mary Zammit

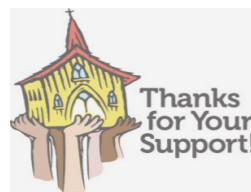
Remembrance: Roy Mary & Des Barney, Paul, Simone, Cyril, Emmanuel and Elizabeth Falzon, Nevis Fernando, Charlie Galea, Sharon & John Lawrence, Apolinario & Felina Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Anton & Lourda Motha, Louis & Stephen Mula, Felix & Andriana Muscat, Josephine, Charles, Mary & Muscat Family, Lakshman Perera, Albert Randall, 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 \$ 1582.30  
Loose \$ 965.00  
TOTAL \$ 2547.30  
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

#### Migrants as an epitome of our time

How can we fail to think of all those young people affected by movements of migration? "Migration, considered globally, is a structural phenomenon, and not a passing emergency. It may occur within one country or between different countries. The Church's concern is focused especially on those fleeing from war, violence, political or religious persecution, from natural disasters including those caused by climate change, and from extreme poverty. Many of them are young. In general, they are seeking opportunities for themselves and their families. They dream of a better future and they want to create the conditions for achieving it". Migrants "remind us of a basic aspect of our faith, that we are 'strangers and exiles on the earth' (Heb 11:13)". Other migrants are "attracted by Western culture, sometimes with unrealistic expectations that expose them to grave disappointments. Unscrupulous traffickers, frequently linked to drug cartels or arms cartels, exploit the weakness of migrants, who too often experience violence, trafficking, psychological and physical abuse and untold sufferings on their journey. Nor must we overlook the particular vulnerability of migrants who are unaccompanied minors, or the situation of those compelled to spend many years in refugee camps, or of those who remain trapped for a long time in transit countries, without being able to pursue a course of studies or to use their talents. In some host countries, migration causes fear and alarm, often fomented and exploited for political ends. This can lead to a xenophobic mentality, as people close in on themselves, and this needs to be addressed decisively".

"Young migrants experience separation from their place of origin, and often a cultural and religious uprooting as well. Fragmentation is also felt by the communities they leave behind, which lose their most vigorous and enterprising elements, and by families, especially when one or both of the parents migrates, leaving the children in the country of origin. The Church has an important role as a point of reference for the young members of these divided families. However, the stories of migrants are also stories of encounter between individuals and between cultures. For the communities and societies to which they come, migrants bring an opportunity for enrichment and the integral human development of all. Initiatives of welcome involving the Church have an important role from this perspective; they can bring new life to the communities capable of undertaking them".

"Given the varied backgrounds of the Synod Fathers, the discussion of migrants benefited from a great variety of approaches, particularly from countries of departure and countries of arrival. Grave concern was also expressed by Churches whose members feel forced to escape war and persecution and by others who see in these forced migrations a threat to their survival. The very fact that the Church can embrace all these varied perspectives allows her to play a prophetic role in society with regard to the issue of migration". [48] In a special way, I urge young people not to play into the hands of those who would set them against other young people, newly arrived in their countries, and who would encourage them to view the latter as a threat, and not possessed of the same inalienable dignity as every other human being.

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



### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

In one of his Masses recently in the Casa Santa Marta, Pope Francis accidentally turned into an art critic, as he gave a review about a photo hung in the Office of Papal Charities, which was taken by Daniel Garofani, a photographer for the Observatore Romano after a food distributing session to the homeless in Rome by Cardinal Krajewski.

The Pope recalled its thought provoking scene of well-dressed patronage leaving a restaurant in Rome as a homeless woman hopelessly lifts her hand begging for alms. According to Pope Francis, the photo was taken 'just as the people looked away, so that their gaze would not meet' that of the poor woman. That represents something he referred to as 'the culture of indifference' in our world, and that would be a contemporary interpretation of the story Jesus tells the Pharisees in the Gospel this Sunday.



Jesus' story paints the contrast between a privileged world of the rich man filled with luxury clothes and best food and a depressing reality of the poor man constantly struggling to survive, named Lazarus - I just can't help wonder why Jesus gave the rich man no name? Perhaps there had been plenty of rich men like that in his community then, so he just left people to use their own imagination and experience to do the fill-in job. The telling point is that the rich man always remains cold and indifferent to the deeply troubling condition of his brother.

Their worlds, however, were dramatically turned around in the after world. Lazarus becomes forever rich and the rich man eternally miserable. Lazarus enjoys the heavenly reward of a life in the company of Abraham, and the rich man has to beg for a drop of water to cool his tongue in the hell flames, but even such a tiny act turns out to be impossible due to the inapproachable gulf between the two sides.

Through this highly symbolic story, Jesus obviously warns us, his disciples never to keep a blind eye on the poor and the needy around them, if they happen to enjoy a more privileged position in this world. 'Don't forget the poor,' he seems to tell us. If we choose to live a selfishly me-oriented life, we will end up spending an endless time in misery just like the rich man. So, the choice is up to us decide right here and now.

Challenged both by the image and message of the Gospel today, let us pray for a heart of compassion to help us more generous to offer our tangible support to the less fortunate in the world around us. Pray that First world people would be more open and willing to help bring hope to millions of the have-nots struggling to get food, shelters and education in Third world lands, and that what we do today will bring us an everlasting reward in the world to come, not the fate of the rich man who refused to share. Have a compassion-filled week. Fr. Henry

### PARISH NEWS...



**FOOTPATH UPGRADE** Our Footpath upgrade is going to start next Monday 30 September, 2019 with the excavation, consequently the area will remain off limits for about two weeks from Monday 30. Please use the Grantham Road entrance to access the church till the completion of the project.

### 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 the following week.

**NO TAI CHI & QIGONG** during the school holidays, Will resume 16th Oct

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRIMARY SCHOOL** is currently accepting enrolments. information pack available to download from the school website or contact Beth in the school office on 8869 6800 during school hours.

**CULTURAL FUSION** - Come meet members of other faiths from Blacktown area. Social afternoon of talent, culture, some food and fun in our hall Saturday 19th October 2019 1-4pm. Entry gold coin donation to cancer council.

**Accommodation** required for mother and child. Please contacted Terry Jordan 0409373715 if you know someone who can assist.

### DIOCESAN NEWS



**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY.** Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is hosting a prayer campaign on 18th October titled: "One Million Children Praying the Rosary" The prayer initiative invites teachers, priests, parents

and grandparents to prayer the rosary together with children for peace and unity around the world. If you would like to participate information and resources can be found online: [www.millionkidspraying.org](http://www.millionkidspraying.org)

### 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](mailto:deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au)

### Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Perth: 7 – 11 December 2019

ACYF19 is a biennial national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Bishops of Australia. The event involves three days of exciting, large scale Plenary's, tens of workshops, concerts, prayer experiences, fun, expos and concludes with an outdoor mass with the City of Perth. Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta will be leading an expected 200 participants. Free twin-share hotel accommodation is being offered now. For more information and to register visit [www.catholicyouthparramatta.org](http://www.catholicyouthparramatta.org)



**Ten FREE afternoon seminars on various legal issues have been arranged by Toongabbie legal centre (TLC) starting on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019 until 14 December 2019.** For seminar details and registration, visit Toongabbie Legal Centre's website: [www.tlc.asn.au](http://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](http://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](mailto:lmf@parracatholic.org).